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Arrest made in baby's death

Man accused of shaking 4-month-old

BY LINDSAY WINSLOW BROWN
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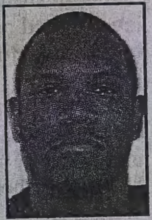
AUBURN — A Fort Wayne man was arrested Thursday morning for allegedly shaking his girlfriend's 4-month-old son, who later died as a result.



Rutledge

Michael L. Rutledge, 29, of the 300 block of Rudisill Boulevard, Fort Wayne, was arrested by county police on a warrant from the Auburn Police Department on a charge of neglect of a dependent resulting in death, a Class A felony. He is being held at the DeKalb County Jail without eligibility for release on bond. In an unrelated case, Rutledge was convicted of perjury in Wells Circuit Court on Jan. 5, 2009.

On Oct. 14, 2007, Auburn police officer Corey Heffelfinger responded to a residence on Auburn's west side, where he found a baby on a futon who did not appear to be breathing, and he started resuscitation procedures, according to an affidavit of probable cause for Rutledge's arrest dated Nov. 14, 2009.

When Heffelfinger entered the living room, he heard the child's mother, Rachel Busche, talking on a cell phone and yelling at Rutledge.

"What did you do?" the report said Busche asked Rutledge.

Rutledge said he gave the baby, who was recovering from pneumonia, a breathing treatment, and the baby vomited twice. Officers said they saw two spots on the futon where the baby had vomited and a breathing machine on a counter.

Busch said her son was fussy the night before the incident and had gotten up with him a couple of times, but added that "he hadn't been that bad."

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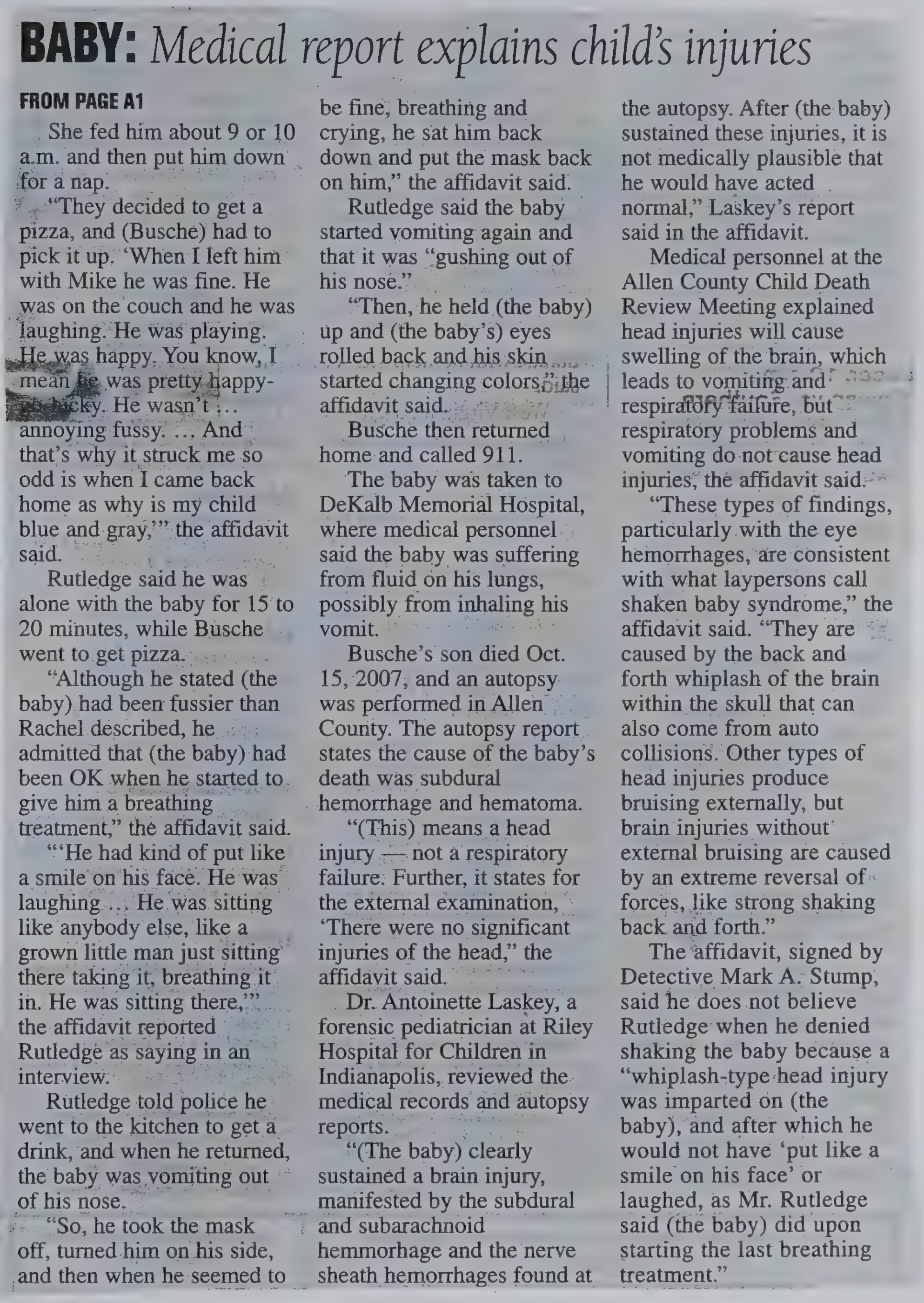

BABY: *Medical report explains child's injuries*

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She fed him about 9 or 10 a.m. and then put him down for a nap.

"They decided to get a pizza, and (Busche) had to pick it up. 'When I left him with Mike he was fine. He was on the couch and he was laughing. He was playing. He was happy. You know, I mean he was pretty happy-go-lucky. He wasn't … annoying fussy. … And that's why it struck me so odd is when I came back home as why is my child blue and gray,'" the affidavit said.

Rutledge said he was alone with the baby for 15 to 20 minutes, while Busche went to get pizza.

"Although he stated (the baby) had been fussier than Rachel described, he admitted that (the baby) had been OK when he started to give him a breathing treatment," the affidavit said.

"'He had kind of put like a smile on his face. He was laughing … He was sitting like anybody else, like a grown little man just sitting there taking it, breathing it in. He was sitting there,'" the affidavit reported Rutledge as saying in an interview.

Rutledge told police he went to the kitchen to get a drink, and when he returned, the baby was vomiting out of his nose.

"So, he took the mask off, turned him on his side, and then when he seemed to be fine, breathing and crying, he sat him back down and put the mask back on him," the affidavit said.

Rutledge said the baby started vomiting again and that it was "gushing out of his nose."

"Then, he held (the baby) up and (the baby's) eyes rolled back and his skin started changing colors," the affidavit said.

Busche then returned home and called 911.

The baby was taken to DeKalb Memorial Hospital, where medical personnel said the baby was suffering from fluid on his lungs, possibly from inhaling his vomit.

Busche's son died Oct. 15, 2007, and an autopsy was performed in Allen County. The autopsy report states the cause of the baby's death was subdural hemorrhage and hematoma.

"(This) means a head injury — not a respiratory failure. Further, it states for the external examination, 'There were no significant injuries of the head,'" the affidavit said.

Dr. Antoinette Laskey, a forensic pediatrician at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, reviewed the medical records and autopsy reports.

"(The baby) clearly sustained a brain injury, manifested by the subdural and subarachnoid hemmorhage and the nerve sheath hemorrhages found at the autopsy. After (the baby) sustained these injuries, it is not medically plausible that he would have acted normal," Laskey's report said in the affidavit.

Medical personnel at the Allen County Child Death Review Meeting explained head injuries will cause swelling of the brain, which leads to vomiting and respiratory failure, but respiratory problems and vomiting do not cause head injuries, the affidavit said.

"These types of findings, particularly with the eye hemorrhages, are consistent with what laypersons call shaken baby syndrome," the affidavit said. "They are caused by the back and forth whiplash of the brain within the skull that can also come from auto collisions. Other types of head injuries produce bruising externally, but brain injuries without external bruising are caused by an extreme reversal of forces, like strong shaking back and forth."

The affidavit, signed by Detective Mark A. Stump, said he does not believe Rutledge when he denied shaking the baby because a "whiplash-type head injury was imparted on (the baby), and after which he would not have 'put like a smile on his face' or laughed, as Mr. Rutledge said (the baby) did upon starting the last breathing treatment."

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Woman shot to death

Man with gunshot wounds allegedly tells police that he killed her

BY BOB BRALEY
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AUBURN — A man who was shot in Waterloo Friday directed police to the body of a woman he allegedly said he had killed in Auburn.

Melissa Patrick, 32, of Auburn died of apparent gunshot wounds, according to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department.

Ronnie R. Jones, 39, was in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Friday evening receiving treatment for gunshot wounds before he was released to deputies and placed in their custody, according to DeKalb County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jay Oberholtzer. What charges he may face were not released Friday.

In a press release late Friday, the Indiana State Police said its Criminal Investigation Division had arrested Jones, of Fort Wayne, on a preliminary charge of murder. He has been booked into the DeKalb County Jail.

Deputies and Waterloo police officers were dispatched to a possible breaking and entering in progress involving firearms in the 3100 block of C.R. 427 at 12:10 p.m. When they arrived, Jones surrendered to Waterloo Deputy Marshal Gary Warfield.

Jones allegedly told police he had just come from the 2100 block of Lorain Drive, Auburn, where he had just shot and killed a female whom he wouldn't name. He also allegedly told officers he drove to the Waterloo location with the intent to kill his estranged wife, Sara Grimm, and her boyfriend, Jason Patrick. Ages were not released for Grimm or Jason Patrick.

Auburn Police Officers responded to the Lorain Drive address based on Jones' statements, and found Patrick, dead. The ISP said she was found on the living room floor.

Witnesses to the Waterloo incident said Jones arrived at Grimm's residence, parked and rang the doorbell. When no one answered, he fired several rounds from a semiautomatic handgun into the front door. Patrick returned fire from inside the

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SHOOTING: *Vehicle plows through door of house*

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residence with a 20-gauge shotgun, which witnesses said struck Patrick in the right leg.

After being struck, Jones got into his 2008 Jeep Patriot and drove it in a reckless manner toward the residence, witnesses said. Patrick fired another round from his shotgun at the vehicle just before it plowed through the front door and into the front foyer of the residence, where it stopped.

Grimm, Patrick and their six children fled the residence out the back door. Jones fled the scene to another address in the 3100 block of C.R. 427, where he was apprehended by police.

Jason Patrick received a minor laceration to his hand from the incident and refused medical treatment, deputies said. No other injuries were reported from the Waterloo incident.

Melissa Patrick is married to Jason Patrick, but they were in the process of getting a divorce, deputies said. Melissa Patrick was Jones' girlfriend at the time of her death.

Jason Patrick and Grimm each had protective orders issued against Jones, and he had protective orders issued against them, deputies said.

Also assisting at the scene were DeKalb County EMS, the Waterloo Fire Department and the DeKalb County Prosecutor's and Coroner's offices.

THE FAMILY OF NANCY METZGER

would like to thank all those who helped and supported us during our recent loss of Mom. In particular, Hite Funeral Home, Brimfield United Methodist Church, Pastor Omer Nisely, Parkview Hospice and The City of Kendallville. Also, to all of the family and friends who continue to support and assist us.

Thank You,
Bill Metzger & Family

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Lorene Cole

ANGOLA — Lorene Nisonger Cole, 92, of Angola died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Cole had been a telephone operator and supervisor for 27 years at GTE-Verizon.

She was born Nov. 3, 1917, in Angola to Merle C. and Desa (Morrison) Nisonger.

Surviving are two daughters, Lois Waitkins of Toledo, Ohio, and Glenna M. and Howard G. Beams of Fremont; five grandchildren, Valerie and Ted Bookwalter of Fremont, Risa and Kent Herber of LaGrange, Mike and Kay Beams of Fremont, Ed and Penny Girrell of Sylvania, Ohio, and Dave and Denise Girrell of Toledo, Ohio; two sisters, Waunetta Smith Brown and Donna Green, both of Angola; 12 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Madeline Zimmerman

BERNE — Madeline Beatrice Zimmerman, 96, of Berne died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will be an hour of visitation before the funeral service. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mt. Hope Church of the Nazarene or to the Swiss Village Samaritan Fund.

To view a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Aiden Rossi

CHURUBUSCO — Aiden Anthony Rossi, infant son of Brandon L. Rossi and Kasey Sue Streby of Churubusco, was stillborn at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Interment will follow.

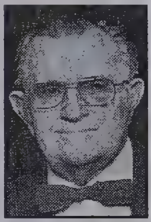
At the request of the family, there will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Richard Tritch

HUDSON — Richard F. Tritch, 89, of Hudson died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at his home.


Mr. Tritch

Mr. Tritch was a retired farmer and had also retired in 1984 after 30 years of service with the Allen County Public Library.

He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ.

Mr. Tritch graduated from Salem Center High School and Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn.

He was born Dec. 14, 1920, in rural Hudson to Eshu and Ethel (Main) Tritch. He married Mary E. Zegelien on Nov. 21, 1959, in Pontiac, Mich. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Deana Tritch of Hudson, John and Jenny Tritch of Hudson and Timothy and Missy Tritch of Hudson; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Linda Tritch of Hudson; two sisters, Eva Shaffer of Hudson and Margaret Tucker of LaGrange; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Lloyd Tritch; and a sister, Virginia Kriess.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Stroh Church of Christ with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery at Hudson.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Gideons International or the church.

Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

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Katherine Munk

KENDALLVILLE — Katherine Munk, age 85, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Munk

Mrs. Munk was born in Kendallville on October 19, 1924, to the late Albert and Iva Corrine Schmuck and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1942.

She married Jay Edward Munk on October 5, 1944, in Kendallville and he preceded her death on January 23, 1993.

Kate was employed in the past with McCray Hospital in the billing department, the Kendallville News-Sun as a typesetter and Bakers' Fruit & Flower Farm as a floral designer.

She was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville

Kate spent much of her time volunteering in the Parkview Noble Hospital Gift Shop, the Mid-America Windmill Museum, the Friendship Food Pantry, as an election volunteer, and with the local Red Cross blood drives.

Kate enjoyed reading, taking care of her plants and flowers, and traveling. She loved to get together with high school cronies, members of her Bridge Club. She also enjoyed spending quality time with her great-grandsons, and e-mailing her family and friends.

She enjoyed watching sporting events, baking and sweet treats. Kate was a very good seamstress and loved to sew, and refinish and collect antique furniture and dishes.

She cherished her trip to London, England, to visit her son, Bruce, who was in the Air Force.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Marlin Lawrence of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Karen Munk of Fishers, Indiana; five grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Aaron Campbell of Indianapolis, Lisa and Travis Wilson of Indianapolis, Emily and Ryan Gossett of Chicago, Carrie and Mike Spohn of Fishers, and Elizabeth and Joe Bloomfield of Valparaiso; four great-grandsons, Harrison and Ethan Campbell and Tristan and Tanner Wilson; friend and companion, Gene Cogan of Avilla; and a sister, Jean Fox of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Beulah Lash, Irene Cain, Margaret Shippy, Alberta Jackson, Marjorie Springer, Cleo McKean and Thelma Grossman and her brother, Warren Schmuck.

Visitation was Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Saturday, January 2, 2010, at the funeral home. There will be an hour of visitation before the funeral service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Chaplain David Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Aaron Campbell, Ryan Gossett, Travis Wilson, Michael Spohn and Joseph Bloomfield.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mid-America Windmill Museum.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Clara Miller

TOPEKA — Clara J. Miller, 102, of Topeka died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Crist D. Miller residence, 3035 S. C.R. 700W, Topeka.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the same residence. Burial will be in the Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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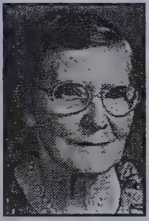
G'Nell Abel

AUBURN — G'Nell Abel, 87, formerly of Auburn, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.


Mrs. Abel

She was born on July 30, 1922, in Detroit, Mich., to John Amzi and Alta (Swanger) Seely.

She was a homemaker and kept records for Roselawn Cemetery for many years as well as records for Abel's Sawmill and also worked for Auburn Clutch in the early 1940s. She is a member of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Auburn where she taught Sunday school for over 50 years. She enjoyed gardening and flowers, raised African Violets and enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She married Homer L. Abel July 30, 1944, in Auburn and he died in 1977.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, George A. and Frances L. Abel of Auburn; grandchildren Michael K. (Connie) Abel, Marie E. (Bob) Brewer and Melissa J. (David) Ickes; and great-grandchildren Malachi, Naomi, Josiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Elizabeth and Lydia Abel, Forrest and Faith Brewer and Cassidy Ickes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers, Loren L. Swanger and J. Kent Seely.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, January 4, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center St., Auburn. Dr Robert Craig will officiate. Burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is three hours prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Radio Station WBCL FM 90 or Youth For Christ or First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Auburn.

Van Hilton

QUINCY, Mich. — Van W. Hilton, 83, of Quincy passed away Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

He was born Dec. 19, 1926 in Kinderhook Township, Mich., to Cecil and Ottie (Weigle) Hilton. Van graduated from Fremont (Ind.) High School in 1944 and was employed at the Quincy Lumber Co. for 29 years. He then owned and operated Van's Home Center in Quincy for 19 years.

Van was a member of the Union Church of Quincy where he enjoyed singing in the choir. He was also a 25-year member of the Quincy Fire Department, serving as Fire Chief five years, and was a Village of Quincy Councilman for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda E. (Pierce) Hilton, whom he married Sept. 23, 1945; one daughter, Wendy (Mike) Ridenour of Quincy; one son, Rex (Valerie) Hilton of Quincy; one sister, Helen Gossman of Coldwater; one brother, Karl (Helen) Hilton of Angola, Ind.; four grandchildren, Aaron (Leah) Hilton, Jim Dostal, Holly (Robert) Morris and Cortney Hilton; two stepgrandchildren, Matthew (April) Ridenour and Jacob (Jennifer) Ridenour; two great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Hal Hilton

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the George White Funeral Home, Quincy, with Pastor Scott Arnold officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Quincy. Visitation is scheduled Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the Union Church of Quincy are suggested.

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Violet Brunson

Mrs. Brunson

ELKHART — Violet June (Warstler) Brunson, 86, of Elkhart, Ind., died of congestive heart failure on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009, at 9:52 p.m. at Elkhart General Hospital.

Violet was born on Dec. 10, 1923, in Auburn, Ind., to the late Ora Dale and Margaret (Oberlin) Warstler. She married Argyle Franklin Brunson on May 27, 1943, in Auburn, Ind. He died on Dec. 23, 1985.

Surviving are her sons, Gary W. Brunson and his wife, Debra L. Rider, of Elkhart, Ind., and Arlen D. Brunson of New Orleans, La.; her two grandchildren, Andrew (Carrie) Brunson of Elkhart, Ind., and Laura Brunson of Norman, Okla., and one great-grandson, A.J. Brunson; three stepgrandchildren, Steven (Maria) Peacock of Mishawaka, Ind., Joshua Peacock of LaPorte, Ind., and Noah Peacock of Austin, Texas. Three stepgreat-grandchildren, Ashley, Christopher and Edwin Peacock survive as well.

Violet was a 1941 graduate of Auburn High School and worked as a telephone operator in Auburn.

She married Argyle after his return from the service during WW II. They lived and worked in Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio and Massachusetts prior to moving to Florida in 1972.

She retired in the mid 1990s after working as a print shop specialist at the Ocean Reef Resort in Key Largo.

Violet made friends easily and had a wonderful sense of humor. She also had a love for animals having her own cats and dogs. She enjoyed playing the piano, card games, dominoes and scrabble with her friends.

She lived simply, courageously and with integrity. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Please gather with her family and friends by calling for 1 hour prior to the noon funeral service on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 211 W. 9th. St., in Auburn. Pastor Stephen Kummernuss of St. Mark's will officiate.

Burial and graveside services will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn. A meal will follow the graveside service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Humane Society of Elkhart County, 54687 C.R. 19, Bristol, IN 46507.

To share a memory of Violet with her family or to send a condolence please visit www.billings funeral-home.com.

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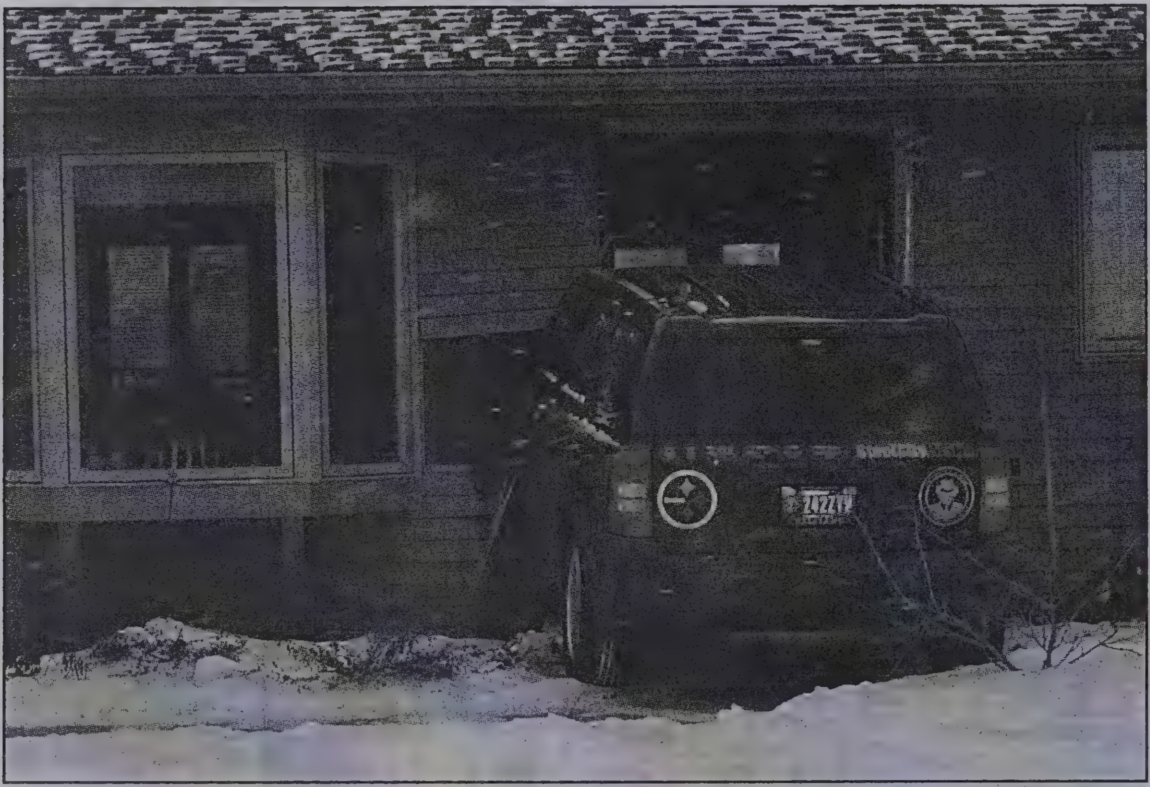

DEKALB COUNTY POLICE PHOTO

A police photo shows a 2008 Jeep that crashed into a home in the 3100 block of C.R. 427, at the south edge of Waterloo, Saturday afternoon. Police say Ronnie Jones drove the vehicle into the house, after firing shots intended to harm his ex-wife and her boyfriend, who were inside.

DeKalb murder suspect left a trail full of conflict

Court records show protective orders, divorce proceedings

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BY DAVE KURTZ
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AUBURN — Four people involved in deadly New Year's Day shootings in DeKalb County have left a trail of conflict in local courts.

The trail ended Friday with Melissa Kay Patrick, 32, of Auburn dead of gunshot wounds and Ronnie R. Jones, 39, of Fort Wayne charged with murder.

Jones also could face charges for firing shots into the home of his ex-wife, Sarah Grimm, and her boyfriend, Jason Patrick, just after noon Friday in a home south of Waterloo, then crashing his 2008 Jeep into the front of their home.

Jones suffered wounds to his leg when Jason Patrick returned fire with a shotgun, police said.

DeKalb County court records show that all three targets of Ronnie Jones' gunshots had asked judges for protective orders to ban Jones from approaching them.

Melissa Patrick twice asked for protective orders against Jones in 2008, but each time withdrew her request within a few days.

Jones and Jason Patrick had protective orders against each other. Jason Patrick is Melissa Patrick's estranged husband, as well as being the boyfriend of Jones' estranged wife.

Police said Jones and Melissa Patrick were connected as boyfriend and girlfriend, but were not living together.

Jones

Jones allegedly shot Melissa Patrick with a 9 mm handgun Friday morning in the 2100 block of Lorraine Drive, in the Auburn Meadows subdivision on the north side of Auburn. The shooting occurred in a group home where she worked, caring for four adults, police said.

According to court records at the time she filed for protective orders, Melissa Patrick lived in the 1500 block of C.R. 27, south of Ashley.

On Nov. 21, 2008, Melissa

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RAMPAGE: *Couple has been in and out of court*

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Patrick filed for a protective order against Jones. Three days later, she gave a letter to the court, withdrawing her request.

Two weeks later, on Dec. 4, 2008, Melissa Patrick again filed for a protective order against Jones. But on Jan. 12, 2009, she again asked for a dismissal of the protective order, which was granted.

Court records said Jones lived in the 2300 block of Otsego Drive, Fort Wayne, at the time.

Melissa Patrick's second request for a protective order against Jones came one day after she reported to DeKalb County Police that a front window had been broken in her home on C.R. 27. When she reported the damage to DeKalb County Police on Dec. 3, 2008, she said Jones had threatened to break her windows, according to police records.

Jones was not arrested in connection with the broken window. Chief Deputy Sheriff Jay Oberholtzer said Jones never had been in the DeKalb County Jail before he was arrested after Friday's shooting incidents.

Nine days after the window-breaking incident, on Dec. 12, 2008, Ronnie Jones requested and was granted a two-year protective order against Jason Patrick. Oberholtzer said police records show that Ronnie Jones told police that Jason Patrick confronted him. Jones then called the Auburn Police Department and told officers he was afraid of Jason Patrick.

Four months later, on April 28, 2009, Jason Patrick requested and was granted a two-year protective order against Jones.

In the most recent protective order involving the four people, Melissa Patrick filed for a protective order against Jason Patrick on Nov. 25, 2009. That case was scheduled for a court hearing Jan. 13.

Both couples involved in Friday's incidents had filed for divorces before making what amounted to a switch of partners.

Court records show that Sarah Jones, who now goes by the name of Sarah Grimm, filed for divorce from Ronnie Jones on June 6, 2008.

Court documents appear to show that DeKalb Circuit Judge Kirk Carpenter granted a final divorce decree to Sarah and Ronnie Jones on Nov. 17, 2009. However, a police report on the shooting incidents referred to Sarah Grimm as Ronnie Jones' estranged wife.

Four days before seeking a divorce, Sarah Jones had filed for a protective order against Ronnie Jones on June 2, 2008. Court records show that both parties agreed to dismiss the protective order in a court hearing June 19, 2008.

Sarah Jones again requested a protective order against Ronnie Jones on Oct. 6, 2008.

Later, a judge granted Ronnie Jones a protective order against Sarah Jones on Dec. 23, 2008.

Court records show that Melissa Patrick first filed for divorce from Jason Patrick on Aug. 20, 2008. The case was dismissed April 16, 2009

Melissa Patrick again filed for divorce from Jason Patrick on Aug. 24, 2009. A hearing in the case had been set for last Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, but was canceled because her attorney was ill.

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Cora Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Cora Smolinske, 90, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Democratic activist Cora Smolinske dies

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — The local Democratic Party faithful has lost one of its long-time active supporters.

Cora Smolinske, 90, of Kendallville, died Saturday at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

In April 2009 she was presented the J. Edward Roush Award at the 3rd District Democratic Central Committee dinner for her nearly half a century of work for the Democratic Party.

"She was a very loyal party person, and a tireless worker at the polls," said Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe Saturday night when told of Smolinske's passing. "She did a lot of things for the community like getting people out to vote and helping voters get to the polls to vote."

Handshoe said Kendallville has now lost three ladies in recent years who were devoted, active Democratic Party supporters — Betty Newnam, LeVon Jansen and Smolinske.

For many years Smolinske served as the secretary of the Noble County Democratic Central Committee. She registered hundreds of new voters over the years, stuffed envelopes, organized rallies and worked at party headquarters on Election Day since the early 1960s.

She was an elected delegate to the state Democratic conventions since the 1960s, and represented the old 4th District at four Democratic National Conventions — 1976 in New York City, 1980 in New York City, 1984 in San Francisco and 1996 in Chicago.

A retired employee of Flint & Walling Inc. in Kendallville, Smolinske was active for many years with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Union.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Madeleine Zimmerman

BERNE, Ind. — Madeleine Beatrice Zimmerman, 96, of Berne died on Thursday, December 31, 2009, at Swiss Village Retirement Community, Berne.

She was born in South Milford on August 10, 1913, to the late Charles Sherman and Ruby (Martin) Hart.

Mrs. Zimmerman

She married Gerald Weaver Zimmerman on August 8, 1936, in Kendallville. They moved to a farmhouse near Wawaka to raise their family of three. Mr. Zimmerman preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2003.

Madeline was a nurse's aide at McCray Hospital in Kendallville for many years and she last worked in Dr. Carl Stallman's office in the 1960s before she retired in the early 1970s. After retirement, she and Gerald moved to Leesburg, Florida for about five years.

She was a member of the Mt. Hope Church of the Nazarene in Berne and belonged to the "Young At Heart" Senior's Group.

Madeline enjoyed knitting and crocheting, reading, and playing card games.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Rita Zimmerman of Fort Wayne and Philip and Beverly Zimmerman of Hamilton Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and David Kloepper of Berne; seven grandchildren, Lauren and Alan Moyer, David and Desiree Zimmerman, and Dean and Linda Zimmerman all of Fort Wayne, Jeff and Nikki Zimmerman of Auburn, Lisa (Kloepper) and Michael Kuhn of Rockford, Ohio, Darren and Heidi Kloepper of Bluffton and Karna and Jeff Burry of Clarkston, Wash.; 21 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara (Hart) Rowe of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Charles "Roy", Jack, Carl, and Clyde Richard "Dick" Hart, and her sisters, Eleanore Schlichtenmyer, June Freed, and Charlotte Ball.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville. There will be an hour of visitation before the funeral service. Officiating the funeral service will be Madeline's grandson, Pastor Darren Kloepper. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be her grandchildren.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Mt. Hope Church of the Nazarene or to the Swiss Village Samaritan Fund.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jerris Bottoms

KENDALLVILLE — Jerris Bottoms, 56, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Von Sparkman

KENDALLVILLE — Von Sparkman, 74, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at his home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Revs. Charles Mosley and Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

Melissa Patrick

AUBURN — Melissa Kay Patrick, 32, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church, 2900 E. C.R. 1150N, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Monday and all day Tuesday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling the arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

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William DeWitt

AUBURN — William C. DeWitt, 81, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

He was the vice-president of sales of Cooper Engineered Products for 33 and 1/2 years, retiring in March 1986.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1946-48.

Mr. DeWitt received his BA degree from Findlay College, and he was a member of the Northeast Indiana Trout Association. He was also an avid outdoorsman.

He was born on March 14, 1928 in Indian Head, Penn., to Thomas H. and Margaret C. (Bittner) DeWitt. He married Betty Sleasman on Aug. 6, 1950 in Hagestown, Md. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters and son-in-laws, Sandi and Frank Davis, Fort Wayne, Susan and Dan Davis, Garrett, Sheri and Mark George, Auburn, and Shelly and Rick Richter, Indianapolis; two sons and a daugher-in-law, Bill DeWitt, Pemberville, Ohio, and Rick and Lori DeWitt, Auburn; 15 grandchildren and spouse, Christy Greene, Brian and Amber Davis, Lisa and Ron Hickman, Nathan DeWitt, Jesse DeWitt, Isaac DeWitt, Emerald Davis, Jedd Davis, Mellow and Thoger Lund, Calvin George, Claire George, Clayton George, Cailyn George, Drew Richter, Riley Richter, and Kiersten Richter; 12 great grandchildren, Hollitte and Hayden Greene, Tristen, Bryson, Halle, Caden and Morgan Davis, Troy, Brantley, Maddie and Abby Hickman, and Balthazar Lund; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Philip Bongioro, Mechanicsburg, Penn., Audie Firestone, Findlay, Ohio, and Darlene and Erroll Browne, Findlay, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Rosella DeWitt, Acme, Penn., Scott and Barb DeWitt, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Barry and Anne DeWitt, Findlay, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother-in-law, Homer Firestone.

Services will be at 1 pm.. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God food bank or Alzheimer's Association.

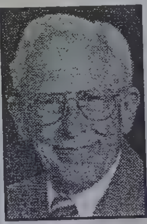
Marvin Basse

AUBURN — Marvin V. Basse, 73, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at his residence.

He was born July 26, 1936, in Auburn to Oscar and Violet (Pletcher) Basse.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, serving during the Korean War.

Mr. Basse married Jocelyn D. Edelman on June 3, 1961, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in Elkhart.


Mr. Basse

Marvin was a bank executive at Summit Bank in Fort Wayne for 25 years before his retirement in 1993. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, University Alumni and Bankers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Jocelyn D. Basse in Auburn: his son and daughter-in-law, John W. and Patty Basse of Gwinn, Mich.; daughter, Cynthia L. O'Neill of Staten Island, N.Y.; grandson, John C. and Heather Basse of Gwinn, Mich.; and his great grandchildren, Marvin and Hailey Basse of Gwinn, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ferman Basse.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne with Monsignor John Kuzmic officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett, with military gravesite honors by the U.S. Air Force, Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Calling will today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to mass at the church. A vigil service will be at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Vincent Music Program.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Jacqueline Leeka

LAGRANGE — Jacqueline K. Leeka, 79, passed away Saturday, December 26, 2009, at Millers Merry Manor, LaGrange.

She was born September 24, 1930, in Muncie, the daughter of H. Kay and Janus (Stephens) Nicewanner.

Jackie was a 1948 graduate of Muncie Central High School. She married A. Lloyd Leeka July 27, 1949. They had lived in Crawfordsville, where she worked with the Welcome Wagon, and later moved back to Muncie, where she was employed with the Muncie Community Schools for 10 years retiring in 1995.

Mrs. Leeka

She and Lloyd enjoyed sailing the Great Lakes and loved being with their children and grandchildren. Jackie was an excellent swimmer and enjoyed taking walks, especially on Lake Michigan and Florida beaches. Most of all she loved being at Oliver Lake.

Survivors include her husband of 60 years, A. Lloyd Leeka in LaGrange; three children, Stephenie Cockerill (husband-Mike) of Montague, Mich., Cris Kopecky, (husband-Frank) of Fort Wayne and Matt Leeka, (wife-Tracee) of Holland, Mich.; six grandchildren, Kelly Whiting, (husband-Casey), Jennifer Kopecky, Jonathan Kopecky, Jacqueline Leeka, Christian Leeka and Benjamin Leeka; one great-grandson, Grady Whiting; one brother, Charles Nicewanner; one sister-in-law, Kay Leeka of Parker City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, June Hill and Joanne Nicewanner.

There will be two memorial services. The first service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, January 8, 2010, at First Methodist Church, LaGrange, with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating. The second service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2010, at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, with Pastor Mark Garringer officiating. Cremation will be held.

Family and friends may call from 2 p.m. until service time for both memorial services.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Alzheimer's Association Central Indiana Chapter, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

Carol Cronkhite

BRONSON, MICH. — Carol Ann Cronkhite, 68, of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010 at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

Bill Hinkley

KENDALLVILLE — Bill Hinkley, 83, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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David McCoy

WINCHESTER — David L. McCoy, 57, of Winchester and formerly of Angola, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 12, 1952, in Winchester to Robert J. McCoy and Betty A. (Salyers) Krahulec.

He was a graduate of Winchester Community High School and had attended Ball State University and Indiana University. He was a process engineer at Tomasko.

Mr. McCoy had served in the Indiana National Guard for 11 years where he was a captain.

He was an avid musician, playing the rhythm guitar, the bass guitar and the keyboards. He had played in several bands while living in Angola before retiring from the "Eagle Rose" band. David also loved playing golf and fishing on Crooked Lake.

He belonged to the Winchester Moose, the Winchester Phi Delta Kappa and was a former member of the Angola Moose.

David is survived by his wife of 26 years, Martha (Mitchell) McCoy of Winchester; his son Zach and Jessica McCoy of Carmel; his daughter Tobey Meseth of Woodridge, Ill.; two step-sons, Darian and Tresa Mallory and Kevin and Debbie Mallory, all of Winchester; seven grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia and Nate McCoy, Sydney Hill, Beth Meseth, Sarah Mallory and Austin Mallory; his mother and stepfather, Betty A. and Jim Krahulec of Winchester; a brother, Scott McCoy of Manhattan, N.Y.; a stepsister, Jody and Karl Fennig of Winchester; a step-brother, Monte and Nancy Krahulec of Wolcottville; his mother-in-law, Julia Davis; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and father-in-law, Chester Davis.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Walker Funeral Home, 248 E. South St., Winchester. Burial will follow in Fountain Park Cemetery in Winchester.

Friends and relatives may call from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at the funeral home.

Dr. John Hartman

ANGOLA — Dr. John Hartman, 87, of Angola died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Civic leader William 'Bill' Hinkley dies at 83

KENDALLVILLE — William James "Bill" Hinkley, 83, lifetime Kendallville resident, was ushered into his heavenly home on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hinkley

Mr. Hinkley was born in Kendallville on August 7, 1926, to the late John W. and Gladys I. (Grosh) Hinkley. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and attended Purdue University in West Lafayette until being drafted into the U.S. Army during WWII. He proudly served on the Philippine Islands from 1944-1946 during the occupation of Korea.

He married Olive Babetta Spannagel on October 23, 1954 in Kendallville at St. John Lutheran Church.

Bill worked in the scheduling department for 20 years at McCray Refrigeration until 1967. For 15 years, he was the co-owner and manager of Kirkwood's Men's Wear on Main Street in Kendallville and most recently was employed by Dekalb Pharmacare in Auburn. He served for 21 years on the Board of Directors with the Kendallville Chamber of Commerce and was president in 1984. He also served as chairman of the Christmas parade in Kendallville for 23 years.

Bill was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, V.F.W.Post #2749, American Legion Post #86, and the Kendallville Elks Lodge. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed playing Cribbage with his son, daughter and granddaughter. Bill also was an avid reader and enjoyed historical fiction and nonfiction, and loved to read his Bible.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Olive Hinkley of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Tris Hinkley of Chesterton, Ind.; a daughter, Shelly Hinkley of Kendallville; and three grandchildren, Meghan Hinkley of Valparaiso and Andrew and Graham Hinkley, both of Chesterton.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville. Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. There will be an hour of calling at the church before the service. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Dan Lash, David Thiem, Jason Savoie, Doug Crane, Scott Booker and Andrew Hinkley.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church or Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carol Norris

HUDSON — Carol J. Norris (nee Musser), 74, went to her eternal rest peacefully in her home on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010.

Our "wonderful mother" will forever be cherished and missed by her three children; William L. Norris (Gail Altekruse, betrothed) of Ft. Wayne, Vickie L. (Larry) Miller of Hudson, and Rodney J. Dubuisson of Ft. Wayne. She doted on her only grandson, John Norris.

Carol was reared in Pleasant Mills, Ind., and was a lifelong resident in the Fort Wayne area. She retired from Magnavox on June 1, 1994, after 27 years. She enjoyed flower gardens, reading, and quilting. She also loved to paint and play cards on her P.C. She was deeply spiritual and spent a portion of every day reflecting on her personal Christian faith. She was the unofficial chaplain at the annual Musser Reunion, an event she always enjoyed.

According to her wishes, cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 1 p.m. in the Decatur Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kendallville Public Library, 221 South Park Ave, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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Carol Cronkhite

BRONSON, Mich. — Carol Ann Cronkhite, 68, of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, January 1, 2010, at home.

She was born May 28, 1941, in Sturgis, Mich. to Merlin John and Bessie Jane (Baldwin) Baird.

She was an employee of Precision Speed Equipment, Sturgis, for three years, and formerly worked for the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis for over 30 years. She was a 1959 graduate of Ashley High School and lived most of her life in Bronson, Michigan. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, Ind.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included cooking, playing the piano and singing, and she enjoyed listening to southern gospel music, and her cat "Pretty Girl".

Surviving are three daughters, Kimberly J. Atkinson of Angola, Kerri L. and Curtis D. Dowell of Angola and Elissa K. and Craig B. Allen of Phoenix, Ariz.; one son, Kevin D. Atkins of Angola; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth A. Atkinson, Arin M. Atkinson, Jackson O. Atkinson, Nathan R. O'Rourke, Cody D. Dowell, Trenton Atkins and Denay L. Caudill ; one sister, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo, Ind.; and one brother, Merlin John Baird Jr. of Ashley, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Michael Baird.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with Pastor Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Cora Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Cora Smolinske, 90, died Saturday at Lutheran Life Villages.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary for Mrs. Smolinske will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

Melissa Patrick

AUBURN — Melissa Kay Patrick, 32, died Friday, January 1, 2010, in Auburn.

She was born July 26, 1977, in Martin, Ky., to Wayne and Yvonne (Huff) Griffith, and they survive in Wolcottville.

She was a home health caregiver for ResCare of Fort Wayne. She attended Dayspring Community Church of Auburn. A member of the DeKalb County YMCA and held a Yellow Belt earned through AMAC, (Auburn Martial Arts Center).

She married Jason Patrick on November 26, 1999, in Valentine, Ind., and he survives. She is also survived by a son, Brandon Mathew Griffith of Auburn; two daughters, Allison Nicole Patrick and Kimberly Kay Patrick, both of Auburn; a sister, Patricia Lynn Randol of Stroh; grandparents, Sadie Huff of Garrett, Ind., and Sol and Lorene Griffith of Garrett, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Vallis Huff, and a cousin, Eddie Dwayne Slone.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville. The Rev. Willie Collins will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett, Ind.. Calling is 2-8 p.m. Monday and all day Tuesday at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Von Sparkman

KENDALLVILLE — Von Sparkman, 74, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Sparkman was born at Four Mile, Knott County, Ky. on December 6, 1935, to the late Kermit and Margaret (Moore) Sparkman. He married Geraldine (Handshoe) Sparkman on September 20, 1969, in Clintwood, Va., and she preceded his death on March 20, 1989.

Von worked in the Kentucky coal mines for six years before moving to Kendallville in 1959. He worked at Newman Foundry and Lane Foundry about 20 years before he retired in 1986.

Von was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching the Kentucky Wildcats. He was a member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Denver and Linda Sparkman of Kendallville and Roger and Connie Sparkman of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marina and Grayson Handshoe of Kendallville and Debbie and Lance Brown of Kendallville; three stepdaughters, Lolita and Joseph Sylve of Kendallville, Vickie Johnson of Kendallville and Pam Evans of Warsaw; grandchildren: Aubrey Brown, Chase Brown, Jaycob Sparkman, Heidi Harris, Jarriel Sylve, Megan Nickles, Paul Whitford, Todd Powell, Erica Bird, Nathan Mosley, Beth Duszynski, Nathan Handshoe, Derek Handshoe, Britney Handshoe, and Jeremy Johnson; 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don and Debbie Sparkman of Moorehead, Ky., and Faryl and Brenda Sparkman of Tennessee; and seven sisters, Bille Jo Klibern of Marion, Ohio, Buelah Mae Walker of Moorehead, Alvenelle Kidd of McDowell, Ky., Jane Ellen and Danny Martin of Huntertown, Gertrude and Barkley Slone of Marion, Berniece and Jack Coburn of Bloomington and Theresa Sparkman of Mt. Sterling, Ky.

He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, Lon Sparkman and half-brother, Peanut Coleman.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church just off of S.R. 3 south of Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley and Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Visitation will be today, January 4, 2010 from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville. There will also be calling at the church an hour before the service. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be members of his family.

View a video tribute by or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Tanna Comment

WATERLOO —Tanna M. Comment, 59, of Waterloo died Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Comment formerly worked at Magnavox in Auburn.

She was a graduate of Eastside High School. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a former member of the Spencerville Eastern Star.

She was born October 5, 1950. She married David F. Comment on February 17, 1973, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving is her mother, Helen Hoover; two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Kristina Comment of Hamilton, and David and Shannon Comment of Kendallville; one daughter and son-in-law, Hope and David Porter of Goshen; four grandchildren, Madison, Natalea and Ashlin Comment, all of Kendallville, and Kirstin Comment of Hamilton; sisters-in-law and spouse, Monica and Jack Cook of Auburn, Martha and Brad Grimm of Auburn, Janine and Barry Bender of Auburn, and Pam and Steve Koch of Leo; two brothers-in-law and spouse, Jon Comment of Butler, and James and Bobbie Comment of St. Joe; 20 nieces and nephews; and 19 great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jake Hoover; one son, Jason Comment; a sister, Cindy Gilbert; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Darold Comment and Dorothy "Dottie" Arnott; and a niece, Tina Marie Cook.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Father David Carkenord and the Rev. Russ Howard officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the National Kidney Foundation.

THE NEWS SUN
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Mr. DeWitt

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving from 1946-48.

Mr. DeWitt received his BA degree from Findlay College, and he was a member of the Northeast Indiana Trout Association. He was also an avid outdoorsman.

He was born on March 14, 1928 in Indian Head, Penn., to Thomas H. and Margaret C. (Bittner) DeWitt. He married Betty Sleasman on Aug. 6, 1950 in Hagestown, Md. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four daughters and son-in-laws, Sandi and Frank Davis, Fort Wayne, Susan and Dan Davis, Garrett, Sheri and Mark George, Auburn, and Shelly and Rick Richter, Indianapolis; two sons and a daugher-in-law, Bill DeWitt, Pemberville, Ohio, and Rick and Lori DeWitt, Auburn; 15 grandchildren and spouse, Christy Greene, Brian and Amber Davis, Lisa and Ron Hickman, Nathan DeWitt, Jesse DeWitt, Isaac DeWitt, Emerald Davis, Jedd Davis, Mellow and Thoger Lund, Calvin George, Claire George, Clayton George, Cailyn George, Drew Richter, Riley Richter, and Kiersten Richter; 12 great grandchildren, Hollitte and Hayden Greene, Tristen, Bryson, Halle, Caden and Morgan Davis, Troy, Brantley, Maddie and Abby Hickman, and Balthazar Lund; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Philip Bongioro, Mechanicsburg, Penn., Audie Firestone, Findlay, Ohio, and Darlene and Erroll Browne, Findlay, Ohio; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Rosella DeWitt, Acme, Penn., Scott and Barb DeWitt, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Barry and Anne DeWitt, Findlay, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother-in-law, Homer Firestone.

Services will be at 1 pm.. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with the Rev. Raymond Warner officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Indian Village Church of God food bank or Alzheimer's Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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Veterans service officer Erdly dies

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — The face of aid for Noble County's veterans and their widows, Jim Erdly, 60, of rural Ligonier, died Sunday, the county commissioners announced Monday.

Erdly

Erdly had served as the Noble County Veterans Service officer for three years.

Noble County Commissioner Hal Stump said Erdly had been ill for a few weeks.

Erdly's job was to help veterans enroll in the Veterans Administration health system and file disability claims, as well as assist as he could on financial issues, including those of surviving spouses.

Erdly served as an infantryman in Vietnam starting in 1969. He earned the rank of sergeant and was released from active duty on April 6, 1971. He then entered the Indiana National Guard.

In December 1976, he was prompted to 2nd lieutenant. During his tenure, he was the Infantry Company Commander twice and state area commander for seven years. He served as the State Marksman Coordinator, Assistant State Inspector General, Battalion Logistics Officer and Assistant Brigade Logistics Officer. Among his many medals are five Bronze Stars, three of which were earned

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during his service in Vietnam. He retired in 1994 with the rank of major. He had a combined service to the military of more than 25 years.

He was the owner operator of the Kimmell Inn Tavern since 1988.

His memberships included VFW Post 4717, past commander, Wolf Lake, American Legion Post 246, past commander, Albion, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ligonier and Masonic Lodge, Cromwell.

A complete obituary for Mr. Erdly appears today on Page A3.

The news came at the meeting where the commissioners make their appointments to various positions for the year. One of the positions to be filled was that of veterans service officer. The position was left vacant Monday, with commissioners seeking applications.

Applications for the post of veterans service officer may be turned in to the Noble County Auditor's Office in the courthouse.

In other action at Monday's meeting, Commssioners reappointed themselves each to the various boards on which they currently serve. Commissioner Joy LeCount will continue on the Noble County Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, EMS Board and Work Force One Board.

Stump will continue on Region III-A District Development's board, as well as Drug Free Noble County, the county Child Protection Team and the Noble County Emergency Management Agency board.

Commissioner Jack Herendeen will continue on the St. Joseph River Basin Commission, the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District, E-911 board and the regional conservation district.

They also appointed Art Buchanan to County Weights and Measures, Phil Jacob as head custodian, George Clifford and Cindy Stanford to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, Hertha Meyer to the county Alcoholic Beverage Board and Mitch Fiandt and Michael Newton to the Indiana Homeland Security District 3 Planning Council.

Jim Mowery was reappointed as county attorney.

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Jimmy Erdly

LIGONIER — Jimmy L. Erdly, 60, of rural Ligonier, died at 3:46 a.m. Sunday, January 3, 2010, at Parkview Main Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born January 21, 1949, at Luckey Hospital, Wolf Lake, Indiana, a son of Evart F. and Pauline (Bair) Erdly. His formative years were spent in Wolf Lake. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1967.

Mr. Erdly

He attended Huntington College. On April 7, 1969 he was inducted in the U.S. Army. He served as an infantryman in Vietnam. He earned the rank of sergeant and was released from active duty on April 6, 1971.

He entered the Indiana National Guard. In December 1976, he was prompted to 2nd lieutenant. During his tenure, he was the Infantry Company Commander twice and state area commander for seven years. He served as the State Marksman Coordinator, Assistant State Inspector General, Battalion Logistics Officer and Assistant Brigade Logistics Officer. Among his many medals are 5 Bronze Stars, three of which were earned during his service in Vietnam. He retired in 1994 with the rank of major. He had a combined service to the military of over 25 years.

On April 1, 1999, he was united in marriage to Norma J. Gray. They made their home in rural Ligonier.

He was the owner operator of the Kimmell Inn Tavern since 1988 and for the past four years he was the Veterans Service Officer for Noble County.

His memberships included VFW Post 4717, past commander, Wolf Lake, American Legion Post 246, past commander, Albion, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ligonier and Masonic Lodge, Cromwell.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Norma; two brothers, Charles Erdly, Linton, Ind., and David (Sherry) Erdly of Albion; a brother-in-law, Fred Colen, Albion; nephews, Anthony Erdly, Timothy Erdly, Todd Erdly, David Erdly; nieces, Anita Woodward, Lisa Purichia, Paulette Lannan, Kimberly Erdly, Katie Erdly; five great-nieces; five great-nephews; and five great-great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, William Erdly; and sister, Kayanne Colen.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery with Indiana National Guard presenting honors.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Lung Association or Vietnam Veterans of America.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Lois Patterson

FREMONT — Lois Valentine Patterson, 93, of Fremont died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Patterson was a homemaker.

She had attended Lake Gage Congregational Church.

Mrs. Patterson

She was born Feb. 14, 1916, in Steuben County to Glen and Eva (Wyrick) Jackson. She married Theodore A. Patterson on June 4, 1932. He died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons, Franklin and Marsha Patterson of Fremont and Glen Patterson of Portage, Mich.; three daughters, Kathleen and Don Little of Fremont, Mabel Zimmerman of Fremont and Norma and Donald Van Regenmorter of Fremont; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two granddaughters; a brother; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday prior to the services.

Memorials are to Lakeland Nursing Center or the Lake Gage Congregational Church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2010, Tuesday

Cora Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Cora Alice Smolinske, age 90, of Kendallville died on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Smolinske was born in Otter Creek, Illinois, on July 26, 1919, to the late Charles August and Isabelle (Stasell) Kohn.

Mrs. Smolinske

A retired employee of Flint & Walling Inc. in Kendallville, Mrs. Smolinske was active for many years with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Union Local 1541.

After Cora retired, she worked as a hostess at Wendy's in Kendallville.

Cora was a member of the Kendallville Women's Bowling Association for more than 50 years.

She was an avid Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls and Indianapolis Colts fan.

She was also a member of the American Legion Post 86 Women's Auxiliary of Kendallville and the Eagles Auxiliary.

In April 2009, Cora was presented the J. Edward Roush Award at the 3rd District Democratic Central Committee dinner for her nearly half a century of work for the Democratic Party.

For many years she served as the secretary of the Noble County Democratic Central Committee. She registered hundreds of new voters over the years, stuffed envelopes, organized rallies and worked at party headquarters on Election Day since the early 1960s.

Cora was an elected delegate to the state Democratic conventions since the 1960s, and represented the old 4th District at four Democratic National Conventions — 1976 in New York City, 1980 in New York City, 1984 in San Francisco and 1996 in Chicago.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Cammi Rink of Kendallville and Angie Atteberry of Leesburg, Indiana; a grandson, Steve Hostler of Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Jacob Shisler, Karissa DeClue and Steven and Jenny Hostler; one great-great grandchild; a sister, Esther Tjarks of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Helen Smolinske of Kendallville and a brother-in-law, Butch Webb of South Milford.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Suzanne "Susie" Pfeiffer, who died December 26, 2006; two grandchildren, Carmin Bolen and Jimmy Bolen, who died tragically February 14, 1993; two sisters, Rita Kohn and Dorothy Webb; and one brother, George Kohn.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Sam Weimer.

Burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers are Ed Wade, Tim Wade, Scott Ackerman and James Jarrett.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Young Democratic Scholarship Fund care of the Noble County Community Foundation or to the family.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2010, Tuesday

Von Sparkman

KENDALLVILLE — Von Sparkman, 74, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Saturday, January 2, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Sparkman was born at Four Mile, Knott County, Ky., on December 6, 1935, to the late Kermit and Margaret (Moore) Sparkman. He married Geraldine (Handshoe) Sparkman on September 20, 1969, in Clintwood, Va., and she preceded his death on March 20, 1989.

Mr. Sparkman

Von worked in the Kentucky coal mines for six years before moving to Kendallville in 1959. He worked at Newman Foundry and Lane Foundry about 20 years before he retired in 1986.

Von was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed watching the Kentucky Wildcats. He was a member of the Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Denver and Linda Sparkman of Kendallville and Roger and Connie Sparkman of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marina and Grayson Handshoe of Kendallville and Debbie and Lance Brown of Kendallville; three stepdaughters, Lolita and Joseph Sylve of Kendallville, Vickie Johnson of Kendallville and Pam Evans of Warsaw; grandchildren: Aubrey Brown, Chase Brown, Jaycob Sparkman, Heidi Harris, Jarriel Sylve, Megan Nickles, Paul Whitford, Todd Powell, Erica Bird, Nathan Mosley, Beth Duszynski, Nathan Handshoe, Derek Handshoe, Britney Handshoe, and Jeremy Johnson; 18 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don and Debbie Sparkman of Moorehead, Ky., and Faryl and Brenda Sparkman of Tennessee; and seven sisters, Bille Jo Klibern of Marion, Ohio, Buelah Mae Walker of Moorehead, Alvenelle Kidd of McDowell, Ky., Jane Ellen and Danny Martin of Huntertown, Gertrude and Barkley Slone of Marion, Berniece and Jack Coburn of Bloomington and Theresa Sparkman of Mt. Sterling, Ky.

He was also preceded in death by an infant brother, Lon Sparkman and half-brother, Peanut Coleman.

Funeral services will be today, Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church just off of S.R. 3 south of Kendallville, with the Rev. Charles Mosley and Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Visitation was Monday at Hite Funeral Home Kendallville. There will also be calling at the church an hour before the service. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be members of his family.

View a video tribute by or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Karen Warren

HAMILTON — Karen K. Warren, 67, of Hamilton died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating. Interment will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials in her name may be given to the charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest register may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Dorothy Sturgis

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy Sturgis, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, with calling an hour before services. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 5, 2010, Tuesday

Melissa Patrick

AUBURN — Calling for Melissa K. Patrick will be all day today at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Wolcottville with a service at 6 p.m. at the church.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Carol Cronkhite

BRONSON, Mich. — Carol Ann Cronkhite, 68, of Bronson, Mich., died Friday, January 1, 2010, at home.

She was born May 28, 1941, in Sturgis, Mich., to Merlin John and Bessie Jane (Baldwin) Baird.

She was an employee of Precision Speed Equipment, Sturgis, for three years, and formerly worked for the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis for over 30 years.

She was a 1959 graduate of Ashley High School and lived most of her life in Bronson, Michigan. She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, Ind.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her hobbies included cooking, playing the piano and singing, and she enjoyed listening to southern gospel music, and her cat "Pretty Girl."

Surviving are three daughters, Kimberly J. Atkinson of Angola, Kerri L. and Curtis D. Dowell of Angola and Elissa K. and Craig B. Allen of Phoenix, Ariz.; one son, Kevin D. Atkins of Angola; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth A. Atkinson, Arin M. Atkinson, Jackson O. Atkinson, Nathan R. O'Rourke, Cody D. Dowell, Trenton Atkins and Denay L. Caudill ; one sister, Margaret Parsell of Waterloo, Ind.; and one brother, Merlin John Baird Jr. of Ashley, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Michael Baird.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, with Pastor Norm Fuller officiating. Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, Ind.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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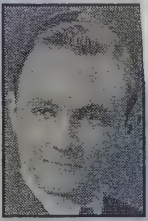
January 5, 2010, Tuesday

Dr. John Hartman

ANGOLA — Dr. John J. Hartman was born on April 9, 1922, in Montgomery, Mich., to Carl and Ona (Walter) Hartman.

He was the beloved husband of the late Miriam Heidman Hartman, devoted father of the late Anne Ransburg, John S. Hartman, Jeanne Licata, and Karl F. Hartman and died peacefully on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2009.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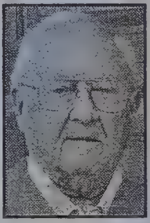
Dr. Hartman

Raised on the family farm in Michigan just north of Fremont, Ind., he went on to Hillsdale College. Following graduation from the University of Michigan Medical School he completed his surgical training in Ann Arbor and later became a member of the faculty.

On Feb. 8, 1947, he wed Miriam. He served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946 during WW II. Duty called again from 1951-1953 when he served in the Korean War as chief surgeon of several MASH hospitals. After discharge from the Army he entered private practice in Angola.

In 1966 Dr. Hartman was a volunteer surgical adviser in Viet Nam. Because of his humanitarian service he received honors from the president of the United States, the State Department, the American Medical Association, and numerous other national and international surgical associations.

Upon his retirement in 1987, Dr. Hartman volunteered with the International Medical Corps to go to Afghanistan to provide surgical care for innocent women and children caught in the middle of the Soviet/Afghanistan conflict. He called his service in Afghanistan the highlight of his career.

He took great pride in his family-owned farm which marked its 100th year in the Hartman family in 2009.

Dr. Hartman was the proud grandfather of Jake Hartman, Dr. Byron Hartman, Conrad Hartman, Meredith Lamont, Erin Ransburg, Elizabeth Licata, Carolyn Licata, Erich Hartman and Shaun Hartman.

Visitation will be Friday, January 8, 2010 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St. in Angola. Services will be held following the visitation at 6 p.m. with Rev. Michael T. Fulk officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: CAVA, Community Anti-Violence Alliance, P.O. Box 482, Angola, IN 46703 or the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box, Angola.

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Donald Wiley Jr.

AUBURN — Donald F. Wiley Jr., 67, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wiley was the owner and operator of W&S Sound and DJ Don Service of Auburn. He also managed the historic Auburn Hotel for many years.

Mr. Wiley

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a 1962 graduate of Auburn High School.

He was a member and two-time past commander of American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He was also a member of the Northeastern Indiana Vietnam Veterans.

He was born Nov. 8, 1942, in Auburn to Donald F. Wiley Sr. and Maxine Ann (Scott) Wiley. He married Phyllis Cain on July 17, 1965, in Angola and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Donald F. Wiley III of Auburn, and Robert S. and Anna Wiley of Ashley; one daughter and her fiance, Stacey S. Murphy and Jamie O'Dell of Golden Lake; three grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Vicki and Jeff Shephard of Leesburg and Barb and Douglas Sledge of Leesburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Sheila Wiley of Victoria, Texas, and Scott and Deb Wiley of Warsaw; and 28 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Sally and Sharon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside service being conducted by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Allen County Cancer Services.

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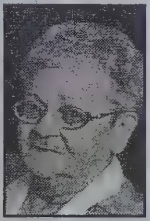
Joyce Gump

BUTLER — Joyce C. Gump, 80, of Butler died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Gump worked as a clerk for Cooper Jewelry and Barrett's Dimestore and had worked for Morenci Rubber.


Mrs. Gump

She was born Sept. 15, 1929, in Butler to Robert and Ethel (Harris) Miller. She married Lewis R. Gump on April 12, 1952, in Butler. He preceded in death Jan. 4, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Larry Gump and his fiancee, Dawn Atkinson, of Butler and Ricky and Sherry Gump of Butler; two sisters, Redith Goebel and Retta Bowditch, both of Edgerton, Ohio; a brother, Alger Miller of Butler; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cathy Ellen; four brothers, Robert Allen, her twin Joseph, Charles and Doyle Miller; and a sister, Bernadine Miller.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m Friday at Butler Cemetery with Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

Memorials are to the donor's choice or the family.

View a video tribute or send condolences to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 6, 2010, Wednesday

Karen Warren

HAMILTON — Karen K. Warren, 67, of Hamilton died Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Warren was a self-employed business owner, marketing Avon Products in addition to owning the Hamilton Drive-In. She also owned the former Deller's Dairy in Angola.

She was born Aug. 26, 1942, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Chester and Margaret (Ezans) Millhouse. She married James A. Warren on March 29, 1973, in Piqua, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 18, 1999.

She is survived by several dear friends.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Pastor Lynn Eicher officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials in the name of Karen K. Warren may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest register may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Dorothy Sturges

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy A. Sturges, 90, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sturges was a homemaker.

She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She was born Dec. 22, 1919, in Fort Wayne to Leonard and Marie (Affolder) Uetrecht.

Her husband, Alfred L. Sturges Jr., died in 1988.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. Terry R. and Cheryl Sturges of Angola and Robert A. and Vanisa Sturges of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Louise L. Berkley of Fort Wayne and Carolyn Anderson of Portland, Ore.; two half sisters, Donna L. Kester of Auburn and Mary Corkwell of Fort Wayne; a half brother, David E. Rodebaugh of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Clifford H. Uetrecht.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Stacy Wells

GARRETT — Stacy Allen Wells, 48, of Garrett, died Friday, December 25, 2009, in hospice care in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wells was a truck driver.

He was born to Lennis Wells and Ida Coney on Jan. 11, 1961. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Cory Wells, Justin Wells and Danielle Wells; one sister, Andrea Kruse; and two brothers, Len Wells and Steve Wells.

He will be cremated.

The family plans to hold a celebration of life service at a later date.

Mary Didion

ROUND LAKE — Mary Catherine Didion, 54, a resident of Round Lake, died at 8:14 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary.

To leave an online condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 6, 2010, Wednesday

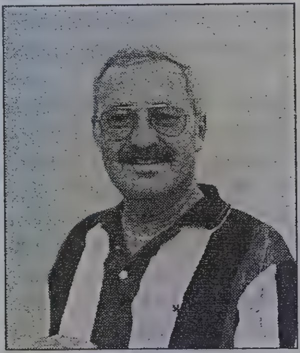
Veteran's Service Officer Jimmy L. Erdley dies

LIGONIER — Jimmy L. Erdley, who had been Noble County's Veteran's Service Officer for the past four years, died Sunday, January 3, 2010 at Parkview Main Hospital, Fort Wayne.

During his tenure as Veteran's Service Officer, Erdley worked diligently to help local veterans solve problems associated with Veteran's Administration benefits.

Jimmy L. Erdly

Erdley, who would have been 61 later this month, had an illustrious military career that spanned over 25 years of combined service in the U.S. Army and Indiana National Guard. He retired in 1994 with the rank of Major. (See full obituary on page 5)



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Surviving relatives include his wife, Norma; two brothers, Charles Erdly, Linton, IN and David (Sherry) Erdly of Albion; brother-in-law, Fred Colen, Albion; nephews, Anthony Erdly, Timothy Erdly, Todd Erdly, David Erdly; nieces, Anita Woodward, Lisa Purichia, Paulette Lannan, Kimberly Erdly, Katie Erdly; 5 great nieces, 5 great nephews and 5 great-great nephews.

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The funeral will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery with Indiana National Guard presenting honors. Visitation will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to American Lung Association or Vietnam Veterans of America.

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ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 6, 2010, Wednesday

Aiden Anthony Rossi, infant

CHURUBUSCO – Aiden Anthony Rossi, infant son of Brandon L. Rossi and Kasey Sue Streby of Churubusco, was stillborn at 7:15 p. m. on Tuesday, December 29, 2009, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving in addition to the parents are maternal grandparents James and Kimberly Streby of Churubusco and Anthony, Sr. and Shari Rossi of Fort Wayne; and great-grandparents Tony and Charlotte Rossi of Orlando, Fla., James and Jan Myers of Churubusco, Gail Dubea of Fort Wayne, James Andrews of Wolcottville, Tom Kuehner of Albion, John Eichman of New Haven, and Dorothy Eichman of Fort Wayne.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 4, 2010, at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco, with Pastor Rick Van Horn, officiating.

Interment followed.

At the request of the family, there were no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

To leave a condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Katherine Munk, 85

KENDALLVILLE – Katherine Munk, age 85, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Munk was born in Kendallville on October 19, 1924 to the late Albert and Iva Corrine Schmuck and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1942.

She married Jay Edward Munk on October 5, 1944 in Kendallville and he preceded her death January 23, 1993.

Kate was employed in the past with McCray Hospital in the billing department, the Kendallville News Sun as a typesetter and Baker's Flowers as a floral designer. She was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville

Kate spent much of her time volunteering in the Parkview Noble Hospital Gift Shop, the Mid-America Windmill Museum, the Friendship Food Pantry, as an Election volunteer, and with the local Red Cross blood drives

Kate enjoyed reading, taking care of her plants and flowers, and traveling. She loved to get together with high school cronies Bridge Club, spending quality time with great grandsons, and e-mailing her family and friends.

She enjoyed watching sporting events, baking and sweet treats. Kate was a very good seamstress and loved to sew, and refinish and collect antique furniture and dishes. She cherished her trip to London, England to visit her son, Bruce, who was in the Air Force.

Survivors include: Daughter, Leslie (Marlin) Lawrence of Kendallville; Son, Bruce (Karen) Munk of Fishers, Indiana; Five grandchildren and their spouses: Amy and Aaron Campbell of Indianapolis, Lisa and Travis Wilson of Indianapolis, Emily and Ryan Gossett of Chicago, Carrie and Mike Spohn of Fishers, and Elizabeth and Joe Bloomfield of Valparaiso. Four great grandsons: Harrison and Ethan Campbell and Tristan and Tanner Wilson. Friend and companion, Gene Cogan of Avilla. Sister, Jean Fox of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Beulah Lash, Irene Cain, Margaret Shippy, Alberta Jackson, Marjorie Springer, Cleo McKean, Thelma Grossman and her brother, Warren Schmuck.

Funeral Services were Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service was Chaplain David Griebel. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Aaron Campbell, Ryan Gossett, Travis Wilson, Michael Spohn, and Joseph Bloomfield.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Mid-America Windmill Museum.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Cora Alice Smolinske, 90

KENDALLVILLE – Cora Alice Smolinske, age 90, of Kendallville died on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Smolinske was born in Otter Creek, Illinois on July 26, 1919 to the late Charles August and Isabelle (Stasell) Kohn.

A retired employee of Flint & Walling Inc. in Kendallville, Mrs. Smolinske was active for many years with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Union Local #1541. After Cora retired, she worked as a hostess at Wendy's in Kendallville.

Cora was a member of the Kendallville Women's Bowling Association for 50+ years. She was an avid Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bulls, and Indianapolis Colts fan. She was also a member of the American Legion Post #86 Women's Auxiliary of Kendallville.

In April 2009, Cora was presented the J. Edward Roush Award at the 3rd District Democratic Central Committee dinner for her nearly half a century of work for the Democratic Party.

For many years Smolinske served as the secretary of the Noble County Democratic Central Committee. She registered hundreds of new voters over the years, stuffed envelopes, organized rallies and worked at party headquarters on Election Day since the early 1960s.

Cora was an elected delegate to the state Democratic conventions since the 1960s, and represented the old 4th District at four Democratic National Conventions,1976 in New York City, 1980 in New York City, 1984 in San Francisco and 1996 in Chicago.

Survivors include: two granddaughters, Cammi Rink of Kendallville, and Angie Atteberry of Leesburg, Indiana; a grandson, Steve Hostler of Kendallville; greatgrandchildren: Jacob Shisler, Karissa DeClue, Steven and Jenny Hostler; and one great-great grandchild; a sister, Esther Tjarks of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Helen Smolinske of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Butch Webb of South Milford.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Suzanne "Susie" Pfeiffer, who died December 26, 2006; grandchildren, Carmin Bolen and Jimmy Bolen, died tragically February 14, 1993; two sisters, Rita Kohn, and Dorothy Webb; and one brother, George Kohn.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Sam Weimer. Burial will be at a later date at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers are Ed Wade, Tim Wade, Scott Ackerman, and James Jarrett.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Young Democratic Scholarship Fund C/O Noble County Community Foundation or to the family.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 6, 2010, Wednesday

Jerald W. Heyman, 68

ST. JOE – Jerald W. "Jerry/Papa" Heyman, 68 of St. Joe died Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at the VA Hospital of Northern Indiana.

He was born September 21, 1941, in Tiffin, Ohio, to Walter and Phyllis (Balyeat) Heyman who have both passed away.

He graduated from Riverdale High School in 1960.

He was a truck driver for Allied Van Lines for 32 years retiring in 2002.

He was a United States Marine Corp veteran serving during Vietnam and a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202.

He is survived by a daughter, Kellie (Dean) Stanley of Fort Wayne; a son, Jerald Heyman Jr. of Bulter; two stepsons, John Adams of Florida and Jason Adams of Stroh; his grandchildren, Emilie Stanley, Jerald Wayne Heyman III, Catherine Stanley, Isabelle Stanley, Dean Stanley III, and William Jerald Stanley; two step-grandchildren, Michael and Nacole Ioor; two great-grandchildren, Ryan Wayne Heyman and Neveah Rose Heyman; three brothers, John (Janet) Heyman of Albion, his twin, Gerald "Gerry" Heyman of St. Joe, and Larry Heyman of Florida; and a sister, Margaret Heyman of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Heyman, and a sister, Patty Heyman.

A memorial serice was held Saturday, January 2, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Avilla woman dies in jail

53-year-old had been booked a day earlier on OWI charge

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A female inmate at the Noble County Jail died while in custody Wednesday morning, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Roberta S. Bloomfield, 53, of Avilla was found unresponsive on the floor of the cell she was in at about 10:40 a.m., according to Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman. All efforts to revive the woman were unsuccessful, Leatherman said.

Bloomfield

The deputy coroner pronounced her dead at the scene.

An autopsy conducted on Bloomfield Wednesday afternoon was inconclusive as to the manner and cause of death, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. He said a final ruling on Bloomfield's death may be several weeks away as he awaits results from toxicology tests and microscopic examination.

The investigation into Bloomfield's death is being conducted by the sheriff's department, the Indiana State Police and the Noble County Coroner's Office.

Bloomfield had been arrested Tuesday afternoon for allegedly operating while intoxicated and had allegedly tested as having a blood-alcohol content of 0.23 percent, said Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman. Bloomfield had been booked into the jail Tuesday at 1:34 p.m. and placed in a holding cell in the intake area where new arrests are booked into the facility.

The 10 holding cells in this section of the jail each have a solid steel entry door with a single 6-by-24-inch window built in.

According to Leatherman, the

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woman was not on any kind of suicide or medical watch at the jail.

Bloomfield was scheduled to be arraigned by video conference at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

At about 9 a.m. Wednesday, another woman was put in the holding cell with Bloomfield, Leatherman said. Bloomfield was found an hour and 40 minutes later.

Both women appeared to be sleeping when Bloomfield appeared to have a seizure at 9:36 a.m. and fell to the padded floor, according to a police review of the video from the holding cell's security camera.

The video showed no physical contact between Bloomfield and the other inmate.

Leatherman was unsure if any of the jailers had spotted the woman on the floor, but an inmate laying on the floor would not have raised any eyebrows.

"We do have inmates who put the mat on the floor and sleep on the floor," Leatherman said. "It's not out of the ordinary for someone to sleep on the floor."

Leatherman said the 64-minute time lapse between the woman's seizure and her discovery was not out of the ordinary either.

The sheriff was also investigating, with the help of Noble County information technology director Dave Baum, why Bloomfield's name did not appear on Tuesday's booking list provided by the jail Wednesday morning.

The jail provides this newspaper with daily booking information via e-mail.

According to Leatherman, the information is gleaned from a program written by Baum. The program looks for certain criteria that are entered into the book-in computer system at the jail, then pulls out the data for everyone who is booked into the facility, including their age, their city or town of residence, the bond they are being held under and the charges they are being booked in under. The time a person is booked into the facility is also included.

This information is then e-mailed to this newspaper.

Leatherman did not realize Bloomfield's name was not included in the daily book-in report until contacted by this newspaper.

Leatherman went back to the booking area and asked the jailer on duty to pull the same report for the last 48 hours. The report again did not include Bloomfield's name.

Leatherman then contacted Baum. Baum was able to find all of Bloomfield's booking information, but when he ran the report which is sent to this newspaper, her name was also missing.

Baum was attempting to determine what sort of technical glitch was keeping Bloomfield's name out of the e-mail report.

"It didn't pull her data for some reason," Leatherman said.

Leatherman said it was impossible for anyone at the jail, including himself, to omit a name from the report.

"Nobody who works in the jail has the ability to override the system," Leatherman said.

The booking report for Tuesday sent to this newspaper showed three other names, but not Bloomfield's.

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Margaret Yerington

FORT WAYNE — Margaret Marie (Gudakunst) Yerington, 89, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Lake Pleasant died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Mrs. Yerington

Mrs. Yerington had retired in 1984 from Peter Eckrich after 30 years of service.

She was a member of Liberty Mills Church of the Nazarene.

She was born July 17, 1920, in Putnam County, Ohio.

Surviving are three daughters, Judith Ann Bienz or Orland, Shelley Renee and Steve Ryan of LaGrange and Robin Gay and David Masterson of Fort Wayne; three sons, Donald Howard Kiesewetter of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jerry Lee and Barb Yerington of Cowgil, Mo., and Greg Earl Yerington of Polo, Mo.; a sister, Donna Gudakunst of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, who died in 1996; a daughter, Floy Marie McDaniel; a grandson, Danny Ryan; a great-grandson, Andrew Yerington; a sister, Marcile Detweiler; and three brothers, Ervin, Harold and Paul Gudakunst.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Liberty Mills Church of the Nazarene, 10621 Liberty Mills Road with Pastor Terry Fittro officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road and 45 minutes prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Liberty Mills Church of the Nazarene or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Kenneth Beachler

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth E. Beachler, 68, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sugar Grove Church of God. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808; Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825; or Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E. C.R. 500S 57, Churubusco, IN 46723.

Donna Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Kilburn, 42, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will take place at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Michael Lee

GARRETT — Michael Scott Lee, 19, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jason High, 300 E. King St., Garrett, IN 46738.

Wanda Lockwood

AUBURN — Wanda E. Lockwood, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at St. Joe Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

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Woman's struggles end on cell floor

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Roberta "Sue" Bloomfield is shown in this photograph provided by the family. The picture was taken in 1999 when she was 43 years old. She is holding her oldest granddaughter, Ally.

'Sue' Bloomfield died Wednesday in county jail

BY MATT GETTS
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ROME CITY — She fought. Sometimes valiantly.

But life, it seemed, threw more heart-wrenching challenges than she could overcome.

And in the end, there was no fairy tale ending for Roberta "Sue" Bloomfield.

Bloomfield, 53, died Wednesday morning at approximately 9:36 a.m. at the Noble County Jail in Albion where she had been housed since early Tuesday afternoon after her arrest on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

On Thursday morning, her daughter, Jennifer Bloomfield, stood next to a table filled with family photographs in her father's Rome City home. She said she knows she's supposed to say something nice about her mother, but the last couple of years haven't produced many fond memories.

Sue Bloomfield was an alcoholic, and she suffered — along with her family — with the disease for more than 20 years, family members said. She had been arrested on operating while intoxicated charges two other times prior to Tuesday's arrest, according to Noble County court records.

She would get sober, then relapse. Sober, then relapse.

"We stood by her," Jennifer Bloomfield said. "But it was tough."

According to Jennifer Bloomfield, her mother had been sober for five years before losing her home to foreclosure in February 2007.

"Then she (went) downhill," Jennifer Bloomfield said.

Sue Bloomfield had been on the downhill slide before.

In her early 20s, she was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, a painful inflammation of the digestive tract. The illness led to surgery and a colostomy bag in 1988.

Ron Bloomfield, who remained close to his ex-wife, said the surgery resulted in complications, and she began to drink heavily. Amanda Newsome, Sue Bloomfield's other daughter, said her mother also suffered from

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depression.

She became an alcoholic, Ron Bloomfield said. But she tried to fight it. For a time, she was a faithful member of Alcoholics Anonymous, family members said.

"When she wasn't drinking she was the most beautiful person you'd ever know," Ron Bloomfield said. "She is a victim of a disease. She shouldn't be scrutinized for it. She tried awfully hard to battle this disease."

"That's what upsets me," Jennifer Bloomfield said. "When she was sober, she was a great person."

She was a grandmother who doted on her grandchildren, a woman who at one time loved to ride her Harley-Davidson motorcycle with Ron Bloomfield.

The Bloomfield family has had more than its share of tough times recently.

In August, Sue Bloomfield's grandmother died. According to Ron Bloomfield, she was more mother to Sue Bloomfield than grandmother.

Then on New Year's Day, Sue Bloomfield's son's ex-wife, Melissa Patrick, 32, was murdered in Auburn.

Deputies and Waterloo police officers were dispatched to a possible breaking and entering in progress involving firearms in the 3100 block of C.R. 427 at 12:10 p.m. When they arrived, Ronnie R. Jones, 39, surrendered to Waterloo Deputy Marshal Gary Warfield.

Jones allegedly told police he had just come from the 2100 block of Lorain Drive, Auburn, where he had just shot and killed a female whom he wouldn't name. He also allegedly told officers he drove to the Waterloo location with the intent to kill his estranged wife, Sara Grimm, and her boyfriend, Jason Patrick.

Jason Patrick is Sue Bloomfield's son from a prior marriage, and the ex-husband of Melissa Patrick.

"Her life is just like bad thing after bad thing after bad thing," Jennifer Bloomfield said of her mother.

The Indiana State Police were called Tuesday afternoon to investigate a car that appeared to be stuck in the snow in the parking lot of Avilla Package and Liquor Store, just off Albion Street.

When Bloomfield was booked into the jail, her blood alcohol content was allegedly 0.23 percent, nearly three times the legal limit.

She allegedly told the arresting officer she was headed to the liquor store to make a purchase, and was then going to wait for family to attend a funeral.

The family was at the funeral home where visitation was taking place for Melissa Patrick when Ron Bloomfield was notified that Sue Bloomfield had been arrested. Ron Bloomfield said the family discussed bailing her out as soon as they could, but decided to wait.

"We cared," Ron Bloomfield said, "but we thought maybe this time she could learn from the mistake she made."

According to video from a surveillance camera located in the cell, Bloomfield apparently had some sort of seizure at 9:36 a.m. the next day. She was discovered by jail workers at 10:40 a.m.

Ron Bloomfield and the rest of the family were at Melissa Patrick's funeral when he heard of Sue Bloomfield's death.

"I had to tell my girls and Jason that she died," Ron Bloomfield said. "It was a double whammy for all of us."

Three deaths in five months is just about all the family can bear.

"It's been very, very tough," Jennifer Bloomfield said. "I just don't know how much more I can honestly take."

Jennifer Bloomfield said she finds some solace in that her mother's suffering — the Crohn's Disease and alcoholism — is over for good.

"She's not sick anymore," Jennifer Bloomfield said. "I miss her terribly. I have no mom. But she's in a better place right now."

Jennifer Bloomfield is also consoled by the fact that after 22 hours in custody, all of the alcohol had probably left her mother's system.

"She died sober — that means a lot to me," she said.

An autopsy performed Wednesday was inconclusive, according to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff. Gaff said it may be weeks before toxicology and other test results give the cause of her death.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. A full obituary will be printed in Saturday's paper.

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Assisting suicide charged

Suspect allegedly handed gun to friend, saying, 'Here, use this'

BY JEFF JONES
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BUTLER — Police say a despondent Butler man killed himself Wednesday night after his friend handed him a gun and said, 'Here, use this.'"

Crow

Police found the body of Jaime P. Jasso, 43, of the 200 block of West Main Street, in his friend's garage. Officers discovered a .380 Bryco semiautomatic handgun under Jasso's body, according to police reports.

The officers arrested Robert W. Crow Jr., 38, of the 100 block of East Willow Street, and charged him with assisting suicide, a Class C felony.

At 8:19 p.m. Wednesday, Butler Police received a call reporting a possible shooting at a residence on East Willow Street. Officers arrived to find Jasso dead in the attached garage of Crow's home.

From their investigation, police determined Jasso died from a single gunshot wound.

In his affidavit of probable cause for charging Crow, Indiana State Police Detective Mark R. Heffelfinger wrote, "I interviewed Robert W. Crow Jr., and he stated he was a friend of Jaime P. Jasso, and that lately, Jaime P. Jasso had been talking of suicide."

Crow called Jasso Wednesday evening and "told him not to be telling him of his suicidal thoughts over the phone as he had done recently," according to Heffelfinger's affidavit.

In a telephone interview Thursday, Heffelfinger said he believed Jasso had been despondent over a recent relationship.

Crow invited Jasso to drink beer with him, Heffelfinger wrote in the affidavit. As the two men were drinking beer in Crow's garage, "Jasso then started talking about his problems and his desire to kill himself," according to Crow, Heffelfinger said.

"Robert W. Crow Jr. said that he got into his own truck, took his Bryco .380 handgun out of the center console, handed it to Jaime P. Jasso and said, 'Here, use this,'" Heffelfinger wrote. "Jaime P. Jasso took the gun and shot himself in the face."

Crow was taken to the DeKalb County Jail. He posted $3,000 bond to be released at 5:20 a.m. Thursday, according to jail records.

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Donna Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Sue Kilburn, 42, of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Kendallville.

She was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Oct. 19, 1967, to Thomas Carlton and Joyce Virginia (Jordan) Whitten.

She married Steve E. Kilburn on Nov. 4, 2007. He survives in Kendallville.

Surviving are her mother, Joyce Whitten of Town Creek, Ala.; a son, Charles Adcox of Kendallville; a daughter, Michelle Grey of Kendallville; two stepsons, Jesse Kilburn and Sheldon Kilburn, both of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Misty Leffler and Gabby Kilburn both of Kendallville; six grandchildren; two brothers, Carl Whitten of Town Creek, Ala., and David Whitten of Fulton, Miss.; and a sister, Cindy Crane of Fairview, Miss.

She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Tammy Hendricks.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Michael Howard officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Tiffany Ritter

FORT WAYNE —Tiffany Anne Ritter, 36, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, in Syracuse.

Ms. Ritter had worked as an inspector of manufacturing at Seranade Foods in Milford.

Ms. Ritter

She was born Sept. 22, 1973, in LaGrange to Terry L. and Kathy (Strouse) Fulford. She married Travis Ritter on Jan. 1, 1994, in Valentine. He preceded her in death on July 19, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters, Ivory Ritter, Brooke Ritter and Jade Ritter, all at home; and a son, Tristin Ritter at home; her mother and stepfather, Kathy and Rande Cronk of Fort Wayne; her father and stepmother, Terry L. and Susan Fulford of North Webster; and a brother, Michael Fulford of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Donnabelle Hill, and an aunt, Marlene "Susie" Gose.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

View a video tribute after Sunday afternoon or send condolence to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Catherine Wiant

GARRETT — Catherine M. Wiant, 95, of Garrett died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Wiant was a secretary at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne before her retirement in 1980.

Mrs. Wiant

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Rosary Society, Harvest House and Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

She was born Sept. 1, 1914, in Garrett to Bernard and Jennie (Krus) Johnson.

She is survived by two sons and daughters in-law, Robert P. and Marilyn Wiant of Adams Lake, Wolcottville, and David T. and Pat Wiant of Garrett; a daughter, Mary M. Clarke of Stockton, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Rita Mavis Reeves; and two brothers, Edward and Tommy Johnson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School or Church.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Roxie Moorehead

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Roxie K. Moorehead, 67, of Leo died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Moorehead was a homemaker.

Mrs. Moorehead

She was a member of the Leo United Methodist Church in Leo.

She was born May 6, 1942, in Defiance, Ohio, to Delmar and Lena (Wells) Matson. She married Richard D. Moorehead on Sept. 10, 1965, in Defiance. He survives in Leo.

Also surviving are two sons, Tim Thompson of Texas and Scott Moorehead of Leo; three daughters, Tamara Fonner of Spencerville, Melany Borkowski of Rolling Prairie and Melissa Byers of Auburn; two stepdaughters, Kathryn Karkau of Flint, Mich., and Sherry Acra of Leo; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville with Pastor Mike Kjergaard officiating. Entombment will be in Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance, Ohio.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN.

Micheal Lee

GARRETT — Micheal S. Lee, 19, of Garrett died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at a later date.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guest book or leave an online condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Roberta Bloomfield

AVILLA — Roberta Sue Bloomfield, 53, of Avilla died Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford, with Pastor Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's paper.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Steven Landry

JIMTOWN — Steven E. Landry, 45, of Jimtown died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee, with calling two hours before services. Memorials are to the Steven Landry Memorial Fund.

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Roberta Bloomfield

AVILLA — Roberta Sue Bloomfield, 53, of Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010.

Ms. Bloomfield had worked at Starcraft in Topeka.

Ms. Bloomfield

She was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Wolcottville.

She was born July 9, 1956, in Rome, N.Y., to Robert and Connie (Friend) McNamara.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Bloomfield of LaOtto and Amanda and Timothy Newsome of Wolcottville; a son, Jason Patrick of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; her father and stepmother, Robert and Jean McNamara of Stroh; her mother, Connie Patrick of Rome City; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Terry and Vicky McNamara of Corunna, Jay and Teresa McNamara of Albion and John and Ann McNamara of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Alta Hite, and a daughter-in-law, Melissa Patrick.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford with Pastor Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Patricia Westrick

AUBURN — Patricia J. Westrick, 78, of Auburn died Friday, January 8, 2010, at her home in rural Auburn.

Mrs. Westrick worked for the Lincoln Life Insurance Company from 1952-1954 and the DeKalb County Clerk's Office from 1967-1969. She then went to work for the Auburn Post Office for over 20 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was born on June 16, 1931, in Auburn to Russell H. and Wilma V. (Holman) Dove. They both preceded her in death.

She married Norman F. Westrick on May 10, 1952, in Auburn. He passed away on September 22, 2004.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike F. and Pam Westrick of Auburn, and Steve A. and Teresa Westrick of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Debra K. and Max Miller of Waterloo; six grandchildren, Scott J. Miller, Chad M. Westrick, Randy D. Miller, Mindy A. Westrick, Eric C. Westrick, and Celsei M. Westrick; one great-grandson, Layne Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday, January 11, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will take place in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn and also Monday 1 hour prior to the service at the church. A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, or Masses to the church.

Frank Mangona

FORT WAYNE — Frank Carmen Mangona, 88, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Hospice Home.

Mr. Mangona

Mr. Mangona had worked for American Hoist, retiring as an inspector after more than 43 years of service.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church Holy Name Society and a committee member for Boy Scout Troop 21.

He was born March 1, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Vincenzo and Santa (Puglia) Mangona. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Lois Mangona of Fort Wayne; his children, Carol Ann Spears of Angola, Steven Anthony Mangona of Kendallville, Mary (Robert) Mangona Stark of Fort Wayne and Patricia Ann (Patrick) Kiel of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 12 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, John and Tony Mangona, and a sister, Mary Colelli.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2213 Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with a rosary service at 3:45 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Masses.

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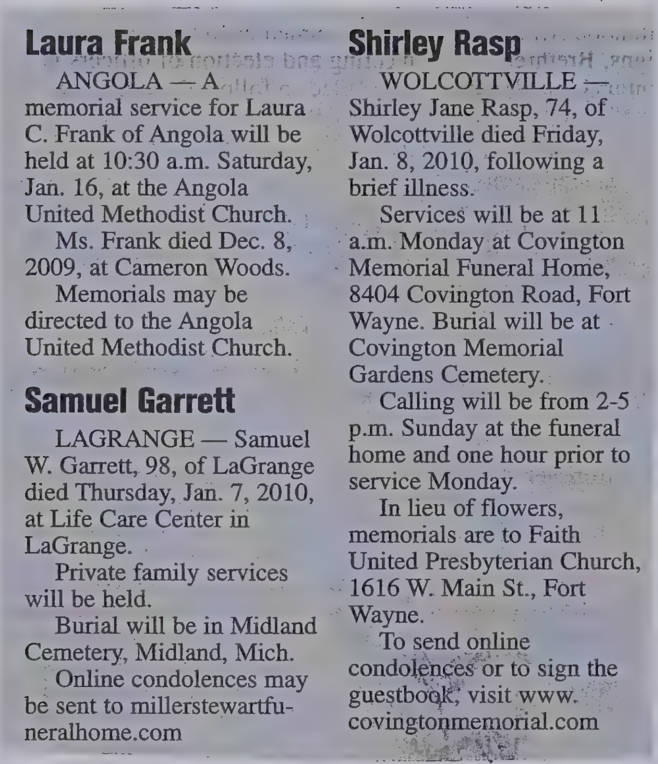

Laura Frank

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Laura C. Frank of Angola will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Angola United Methodist Church.

Ms. Frank died Dec. 8, 2009, at Cameron Woods.

Memorials may be directed to the Angola United Methodist Church.

Samuel Garrett

LAGRANGE — Samuel W. Garrett, 98, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Private family services will be held.

Burial will be in Midland Cemetery, Midland, Mich.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Shirley Rasp

WOLCOTTVILLE — Shirley Jane Rasp, 74, of Wolcottville died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, following a brief illness.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8404 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to service Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Faith United Presbyterian Church, 1616 W. Main St., Fort Wayne.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com

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Visionary leaves school as legacy

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The late Lorene Dekko Salsbery sits outside the entrance to Oak Farm Montessori School near Avilla, a school she founded in 2000.

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BY DENNIS NARTKER
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AVILLA — About half a mile south on Lemper Road west of Avilla is the 65-acre campus of Oak Farm Montessori School serving 170 students from 3 months through grade 8 in its infant, lower elementary, upper elementary and middle school country-home-like buildings.

Lorene Salsbery combined her entrepreneurial spirit with her leadership skills and tremendous vision within the field of education to create Oak Farm Montessori School. It opened in January 2000.

It was Mrs. Salsbery's dream. It's now her legacy, and the legacy of the thousands of children who will pass through its doors.

"Lorene believed that the children of northern Indiana deserved the very finest education," said Judith Cunningham, Oak Farm's head of school. "Education for Lorene meant opportunity and the way to change the world for the better was through the education of children."

Lorene Dekko Salsbery, 48, of Fort Wayne passed away Dec. 16, 2009. She graduated from East Noble High School in 1980, and from Hanover College in 1984, majoring in communications.

Cunningham met Mrs. Salsbery nearly three years ago when Salsbery recruited her to be Oak Farm's head of school. "What impressed me about Lorene was her compelling vision and commitment to creating a model Montessori School," she said.

Mike and Natalie Axel of rural Kendallville have two children attending Oak Farm. "I knew Lorene for about 20 years," said Natalie Axel. "As a friend she was always a joy to be around. As the founder of Oak Farm Montessori School, she was an energetic leader who wanted nothing but the absolute best for the children of her school."

Mrs. Salsbery taught the Axels' daughter. "Lorene was creative, encouraging and instilled a sense of confidence and a love of learning in her students," said Natalie Axel.

Mike Axel, a member of the Oak Farm Montessori School board of directors, said Lorene was one of the most positive and generous people he had ever met. She generously gave her time, talents and resources to establish Oak Farm Montessori School. "Her vision to create a child-centered academic environment and increase educational choice for parents will benefit our communities for generations to come."

Before starting Oak Farm, Mrs. Salsbery formed and ran her own business before becoming involved in the family business, Group Dekko. She then assumed the position of chief executive officer of The Dekko Foundation.

"A lot of people say that children are the future of our world, or that children's education should be society's number one concern," commented Tom Leedy, The Dekko Foundation's executive director. "What was special about Lorene was that she quietly dedicated her life and her work to the cause. At The Dekko Foundation Lorene will be missed because she offered that unwavering vision of excellence for children's education."

Her enthusiasm for life showed in her school spirit while a cheerleader for four years at East Noble and cheerleader at Hanover College.

"Lorene had a passion and smile that was contagious when she was around others," said her sister, Erica Dekko. "Lorene was the most sincere and caring person that I have ever known. She was the best sister anyone could ever have."

Natalie Axel said Mrs. Salsbery may be gone, but the Kendallville community will feel her presence every day. "Whether we are benefiting from an organization supported by The Dekko Foundation, hearing the laughter of Oak Farm students or watching her two beautiful daughters grow into strong, independent adults, Lorene has left her mark."

Salsbery is survived by: her husband, Phil Salsbery; daughters Olivia and Sophia Salsbery; her mother, Erlene Dekko; sister and brother-in-law, Erica Dekko and Tim Kochanski; brother and sister-in-law, Tad and Pat Dekko; a niece, Paige Dekko; two nephews, Ryan Kochanski and Chase Dekko; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Denise Salsbery; a sister-in-law and her husband, Linda and Pat Calhoun; and two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Scott and Karen Salsbery and Billie and Veronica Salsbery.

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Walter Smith touched lives of everyone

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Gathering with his descendants on his 90th birthday in 2003, Walter Smith sits behind the wheel of his family's 1925 Auburn Touring Car.

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BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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AUBURN — Walter Melvin Smith wanted to touch everyone's life — and he had a positive effect on many people in his 96 years. He died Dec. 20.

"I recall when I was young, we'd be walking down the street, and he would speak to everybody, and he would wave to everybody," said Walter's son, John Martin Smith, an Auburn attorney. "He told me, 'I want to be the friend of everybody. You just never know if that person will need me or need you.' That's been very helpful in the practice of law."

"I know Walter was a very people person. I don't think he ever met a person he didn't try to know a little bit about," said Ron Feller, whose wife is Walter Smith's niece. "Wherever it was, he made it a point to find out about people."

Pam King, who was Walter's caregiver for four years, said she loved listening to his stories. She remembers Walter talking about his first wife, Kathleen.

"He used to say that when they were in first grade she had fallen and he kissed her, and she went and told the teacher, and the teacher told his mom," King said. "He said, 'You know what I did then? I married her.'"

King said she was struck by Smith's love for his family. He married Kathleen on Aug. 22, 1937, in Butler, and was married to her until her death in 1981. He then married Marie Pearlstone in 1983, and she died in 2001.

Walter had three children, a stepdaughter, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

"He's very much a family man, always has been," Feller said. Smith enjoyed teasing and playing jokes on the children, Feller added. "They grew up knowing Uncle Walter to play a joke on them if he could," he said. "He liked to laugh."

He had fun, but Walter also knew the value of hard work, John Martin Smith said.

"He taught me to work hard," he said. John Martin Smith helped his father raise hogs on the Smith family farm on the southwest edge of Butler. The pair had to carry five-gallon buckets of hot water to the barn in the wintertime to mix with slop for the pigs, Smith remembers. "Just a lot of good, hard work," he said.

John Martin Smith remembers one unfortunate incident with a pig on the farm.

"I was learning how to drive and was driving around the farms and the country roads," he said. "One Sunday afternoon I decided I was going to practice backing up."

Smith said he was backing up a 1935 Chevy pickup truck and ran over something.

"I put it in first gear and ran over it again," he said. He got out of the truck and realized he had run over a pig.

"I kind of poked him, and he got up and shook his head," he said. "I never told dad."

The pig was 60 pounds when he ran it over, and, causing Walter much confusion, never got any bigger. John Martin Smith never told his parents about the incident, but told some friends at law school. When his parents came for Smith's law school graduation, a friend mentioned the story to Walter.

"I had to tell him 10 years later what I'd done," Smith said.

In addition to working on the farm, Walter was employed by the Oberlin Grocery Co. for several years before becoming a substitute postal clerk at the Butler Post Office in 1938 and a regular clerk in 1941. On June 21, 1951, he was appointed postmaster at Butler by President Harry S. Truman, and he served until he retired Jan. 2, 1976.

John Martin Smith said his father was very accommodating as the postmaster and would go above and beyond to help people. He also worked the window at the post office, even though he didn't have to.

"He used to tell me that the price of stamps was 3 cents a stamp if you closed the envelope, or a penny and a half if you left the envelope open," King said.

"He was just such an amazing man. He was just so full of life and so full of fun and stories," King added. "He was the type of man who touched everyone's life."

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Robert Troll

FREMONT — Robert "Bob" D. Troll, 79, of Fremont died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, from the results of an automobile accident, on County Road 50 West near Fremont.

A memorial service will take place Friday at 11 a.m. at the Fremont United Methodist Church with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Condolences may be left at beamsfuneralhome.com

William Jacquay

AUBURN — William Howard Jacquay, 79, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Father Dan Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home. A rosary will be recited at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Turnstone wheelchair soccer program or masses to the church.

Pent Somkit

AUBURN — Pent Somkit, 72, of Auburn died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

There will be no services conducted.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Phao Somkit.

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Robert Troll Sr.

CLEAR LAKE — Robert Dickson "Bob" Troll Sr., 79, of Clear Lake, Fremont died Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, from the results of an auto accident on Steuben C.R. 50W, near Fremont.

Mr. Troll

He was born Nov. 30, 1930, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Frederick H. Troll, Sr., and Lulu Ruth (Brown) Troll. They preceded him in death. He married Judith A. (Rodey) Troll on Dec. 4, 1954, at Mansfield. She survives.

Mr. Troll retired as director of the United Way of Steuben County. He formerly worked most of his life in sales and marketing for several companies.

He was a 1948 graduate of Mansfield Senior High School and attended Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He was a Fremont United Methodist Church member, where he served as chairperson for the Endowment Committee, was a Sunday School Teacher and member of the Men's Bible Study Group, and served on the Church Mission Committee and Outreach Committee. He was a U.S. Marine veteran, serving during the Korean War. He served for six and a half years on the Clear Lake Town Council, five years as president. He was a 28-year resident of Steuben County and served on various committees and boards during these years.

He enjoyed his cardiac rehabilitation group, from Cameron Hospital. His hobbies included the lake and water sports. He enjoyed watching and following all sports, and especially the Ohio State Buckeyes.

Survivors include his wife, Judith A. Troll of Clear Lake; three children, Rob Troll of Columbus, Ohio, Tami Lynn and Ned Parke of Portage, Mich., and Todd and Mary Troll of Des Moines, Iowa; 12 grandchildren, Heather and Jeff Salyer, Rob and Colleen Troll, Patricia Troll, Joel and Fawn Parke, Michael Parke, David Parke, Ami Parke, Nathan Troll, Stephen Troll, Aaron Troll, Ian Troll and Sydney Troll; three great-grandchildren, Payton Salyer, Madison Salyer and Lilly Salyer; and one sister-in-law, Virginia Troll of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Frederick H. Troll Jr.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, at Fremont United Methodist Church, 105 N. Tolford St., Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Memorials are to Fremont United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 653, Fremont, IN 46737, or The Clear Lake Land Conservancy, 5950 Gecowets Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737..

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Lynn Dailey

PLEASANT LAKE — Lynn A. Dailey, 59, died at 12:01 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola after a sudden illness.

Mr. Dailey

He was born in Angola on Nov. 24, 1950, to Howard and Margaret (Brand) Dailey. He married Rita A. Rathbrun on Feb. 28, 2008.

He was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School and was employed as a correctional officer for Steuben County.

Surviving are his mother, Margaret Dailey of Hudson; his wife, Rita A. Dailey of Pleasant Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Kristie Dailey of South Bend; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and James Stewart of Fairborn, Ohio; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Angie and Dave Holt of Corinth, Ky., Kami and Orion Mahony of Orcas Island, Wash., and April and Chad Bell of Fort Wayne; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and Eugene Dalton of Hudson, Karen and Dennis Svoboda of Hudson and Susan Dailey of Angola; four grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, John Dailey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be at Prince of Peace Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

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William Jacquay

AUBURN —William Howard Jacquay, 79, of Auburn, died Friday, January 8, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Jacquay

Mr. Jacquay worked for the Falstaff Brewery in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during Korea.

He was a member and past commander of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He assisted in conducting the military graveside services through the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn for over 40 years. He also was a member of the Eagles Lodge of Syracuse. He was a member of the immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Auburn.

He was born May 30, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Walter E. and Dorothy F. (Petry) Jacquay.

He married Joyce A. Howes on January 27, 1951, in New Haven and she survives.

Also surviving are six sons and daughters-in-law, Mark B. and Sue Jacquay of Rushville, Earl F. and Marcy Jacquay of Havelock, N.C., Kenneth L. and Diane Jacquay of Auburn, Vincent O. and Dawn Jacquay of Butler, William H. Jacquay Jr. and Kathy Jacquay of Butler, and Kim A. Jacquay of Syracuse; one daughter and son-in-law, Christal A. and Jim Buse' of Auburn; one brother and sister-in-law, Gerald F. and Linda Jacquay of New Haven; one sister, Cecile C. Ledig of New Haven; 26 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Karen Jacquay; and one brother, Russell W. Jacquay.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Father Dan Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

A rosary will be recited at 5:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Turnstone wheelchair soccer program, or masses to the church.

Wilma Wetter

AUBURN — Wilma A. Wetter, 99, of Auburn, died Saturday, January 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home.

Mrs. Wetter

She was born September 7, 1910, in Gibsonburg, Ohio, the daughter of the late Ralph and Bessie Stone. She was a high school English teacher for 42 years and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law; Nancy and William Mull of Auburn and Emily Jordan of Emerald Isle, N.C.; a sister, Mary Schoenoff of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Wetter.

There will be no services.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, IN 46706.

To sign the guest book, or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Wanda Lockwood

AUBURN — Wanda E. Lockwood, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, January 5, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Evelyn Pollock

ANGOLA — Evelyn Marie (Mann) Pollock, 85, of Angola died Saturday, January 9, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Pollock was a sales woman for Stanley Home Products and Tierra Glassware.

She was a member of the Angola American Legion Auxiliary, Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

She was born July 12, 1924, in Butler to Clarence and Hazel (Curry) Norrick. They both preceded him in death.

She married Paul Mann on May 18, 1941. He passed away on October 28, 1970. She then married Robert Pollock on January 27, 1988, and he passed away on October 20, 2002.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Mann of Angola, and Gary and Jeanne Mann of Hamilton; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren; and one sister, Lois Bonecutter of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one son, Larry Mann; and a sister, Violet Pratt.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Clarence Fremion

NASHVILLE, Ind. — Clarence George Fremion, 92, of Nashville died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 at Brown County Health and Living Center in Nashville.

Mr. Fremion

Mr. Fremion had retired from the Forestry Department in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and a World War II veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

He was born Aug. 28, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Clarence A. and Helen (Marshall) Fremion.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie M. (Auer) Fremion of Nashville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Charles Backofen of Morgantown, Ind., and Jean and John McKibben LaGrange of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Ann Fremion of LaGrange; a sister, Kathryn Everson of Warsaw; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. today at Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home in Nashville with Pastor Todd Riordan officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Fort Wayne with Pastor David Peterson officiating. Military graveside services will be provided

Memorials are to Hospice of South Central Indiana in care of the funeral home, 1682 S.R. 135N Nashville, IN 47448

Ralph Patton

SANDUSKY, Ohio — Ralph Glenn Patton, 86, of Sandusky died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at Parkvue Health Care Center, Sandusky, after an extended illness.

He was born in Wadestown, W.Va., and had been a resident of the Huron area for the past 16 years.

He retired from International Harvester after working 24 years as a chief engineer.

Mr. Patton was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Sandusky and was a member of the VFW of Bluffton, Ind., and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Pugh) Patton, whom he was married to for 16 years; a daughter, Glenna (Bernerd) McFertters of Kimmell, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Vickie (Rocky) Moore of Sandusky; a son, Rev. Paul A. (Karen) Patton of Butler, Ind.; a stepson, Don (Mary) Jennings of Berlin Heights; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maxine Tonkery of Fairmont, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul D and Viola (Mathews) Patton; 2 sisters, Pauline Crandall and Juanita Lopez, and a brother, Patrick Patton.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene in Sandusky with the Rev. David Flack officiating.

Burial will take place at 1 p.m. today at the Hoverstock Cemetery, in Zanesville, Ind.

Memorials are to Stein Hospice Services, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870 or to the Church of the Nazarene, Sandusky, Ohio 44870.

Foster Funeral Home, 410 Main St., Huron, Ohio, is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.fosterfh.com

Henrietta Meredith

COLDWATER, Mich. — Henrietta "Hank" Meredith, 59, of Coldwater died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Meredith was a homemaker.

She was a member of Bethel Gilead Community Church.

She was born Sept. 19, 1950 in San Diego, Calif., to Ernest and Alma (Cuevas) Burke. They survive in San Diego.

She married Randall Meredith and he survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Leyo Jr. of Coldwater; two brothers, Richard Burke and Mark Burke, both of California; and a grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tina Smith.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Bethel Gilead Community Church, 886 Block Road, Bronson, Mich., with Pastor Jim Erwin officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

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Wayne Miller

ANGOLA — Wayne C. Miller, 72, of Angola and formerly of Wolcottville, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a longtime LaGrange County resident. He had retired in 1999 from the LaGrange County Highway Department. He had also worked for Patterson Furniture in Wolcottville, Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier and was a farmer and milk hauler.

He was a member of the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in rural Wolcottville.

He was born on July 22, 1937, in LaGrange County to Ralph C. and Geraldine (Rowe) Miller. He married Betty L. Schrock on August 13, 1955, in Wolcottville. She preceded him in death on May 21, 1991. On March 20, 1993, in Wolcottville he married Judith K. (Brown) McKinley. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gerri and Dr. Larry Rowe of Fort Wayne and Anna and Elmer Miller of Goshen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David Wayne and Wendy Miller of Watertown, S.D., Jeffrey C. Miller of Kendallville and Lincoln and Nancy Miller of Decatur; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Charles L. McKinley of Palm Springs, Calif., and Robert A. and Laura M. McKinley of Angola; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Wally D. and Judy Miller of Aurora, Colo.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a grandson, Kerry W. Miller on June 21, 2000; and a brother, Lynn Miller.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in rural Wolcottville with the Revs. Frederick Cain and Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery in rural Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church or Bashor Children's Home in Goshen.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Lavon Kline

BUTLER — Lavon H. Kline, 82, of Butler died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at his home.

No services or calling at this time.

Arrangements by H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

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Death lawsuit settled

Avilla man died in field near Garrett

BY DAVE KURTZ
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FORT WAYNE — An Avilla woman has settled her lawsuit involving her husband's death in a field near Garrett two years ago.

Julie Squire, the widow of Duane Squire, and their grandson had sued police agencies and government officials in DeKalb and Noble counties in federal court at Fort Wayne.

The parties reached a settlement through mediation outside the courtroom, and terms of the award to Mrs. Squire and the grandson, Erich Squire, are confidential.

"It was never about the amount of money for Julie," said Thomas A. Manges of Fort Wayne, an attorney for Mrs. Squire. "By bringing the claim, she knows that she's made her feelings heard to the authorities who she feels were responsible for this."

Manges' partner, Daniel A. Roby, also represented Julie Squire.

"Now that it's done, I think there's some amount of relief, because this has been a very trying episode in her life. He was her soulmate," Manges said about Julie Squire and the late Duane Squire. "They just did everything together."

Duane Squire, 66, died of hypothermia in the incident east of Garrett.

On Feb. 18, 2008, while driving with his grandson toward Auburn on DeKalb C.R. 48, Squire suddenly veered into a cornfield and traveled several hundred yards before his car stopped near a wooded area.

Passing drivers reported the incident to police, and three officers went to the scene. But the officers remained on a nearby road and did not go into the field to check Squire's condition.

Later, an investigation

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determined that police left the scene after one of the officers incorrectly assured the others that nothing was amiss.

Squire's family filed a missing-person report with the Noble County Sheriff's Department later on Feb. 18, but police did not immediately connect that report with the car in the field.

Through tracing Duane Squire's cell phone, police found his body beside the car the next day, Feb. 19, 2008. His then-14-year-old autistic grandson was found alive inside the car, suffering from exposure to frigid temperatures that required a hospital stay.

Acting as a guardian for the grandson, Auburn attorney Hugh Taylor joined in the federal lawsuit.

The lawsuit named as defendants the DeKalb and Noble county commissioners, the DeKalb and Noble county sheriff's departments, the City of Garrett, the Garrett Police Department and four officers — Adam Friedel and Rick Short of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Sam Smith of Garrett Police and Christopher Moriarity of the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

The suit asked for an unspecified amount of compensatory and punitive damages.

Manges said last year that he filed the case in U.S. District Court because federal courts do not place a limit on damages against government units. He said then that state courts limit damages to $700,000.

After the incident, two independent investigators from the Allen County Sheriff's Department concluded there was "a failure of duty, to locate or verify the vehicle that was in the field, by all three responding officers."

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit board met April 3, 2008, to review the report and found that no disciplinary action was warranted against the two sheriff's deputies involved in the case. In a news release, the board said "... we have concluded that the DeKalb County Police deputies involved did not violate any policies or procedures of the department."

Shawn Dunafin, a detective sergeant with the Noble County Sheriff's Department, later received a national award for saving the life of Erich Squire. The Vita Wireless Samaritan Award honored his use of cell-phone technology to find the missing boy.

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Larry DeWitt

SYRACUSE — Larry A. DeWitt, 75, of Syracuse died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse. Private family services with burial will be at a later date in Corunna Cemetery at Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Webster American Legion Youth Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to www.ownfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Lenore Winebrenner

WOLF LAKE — Lenore V. "Betty" Winebrenner, 91, of Wolf Lake died Monday, Jan. 11, 2010, at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Winebrenner was a member of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Wolf Lake Lions Club and the Wolf Lake VFW Auxiliary.

She was born on March 3, 1918. She married Hugh Winebrenner in 1947 in Ligonier. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 2008.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Sanger and Janet Reed of Granger, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial will follow at the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the funeral on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

To view the obituary online or to sign the electronic guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Earnest Shell

LIGONIER — Earnest Shell, 91, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Geneva German

ANGOLA — Geneva M. German, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Annabelle Shively

CHURUBUSCO — Annabelle L. Shively, 81, of Churubusco, died Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040E C.R. 700N, with Pastor Craig Alan Myers officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the Blue River Church of the Brethren Deacon's Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to the family at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Avilla woman dies in Noble County Jail

ALBION — a woman who had been booked into the Noble County Jail at 1:34 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, was discovered unresponsive on the cell floor approximiately 10:40 a.m. on January 6. Roberta S. Bloomfield, 53, of Avilla, was pronounced dead by responding paramedics and the Noble County Deputy Coroner after efforts to revive her were unsuccessful.

Bloomfield had been booked into the jail after being charged with Operating While Intoxicated, with a Blood Alcohol Count level of .23% - nearly three times the legal limit, at the time of her arrest.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, another female was placed into the cell with Bloomfield. At that time no problems were noted, and the two females talked to each other briefly.

A review of the video from the cell camera indicates both females appeared to be sleeping, when suddenly Bloomfield rolled onto the floor in what appeared to be a seizure.

Initial findings from an autopsy were inconclusive as to the cause of Bloomfield's death. Results of toxicology test results are pending.

Investigation continues by the Indiana State Police, the Coroner's Office and the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Roberta Sue Bloomfield, 53

AVILLA – Roberta Sue Bloomfield, 53, of Avilla died Wednesday, January 6, 2010.

Ms. Bloomfield had worked at Starcraft in Topeka. She was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Wolcottville.

She was born July 9, 1956, in Rome, New York, to Robert and Connie (Friend) McNamara.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Bloomfield of LaOtto and Amanda (Timothy) Newsome of Wolcottville; a son, Jason Patrick of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; her father and stepmother, Robert & Jean McNamara of Stroh; her mother, Connie Patrick of Rome City; and three brothers, Terry (Vicky) McNamara of Corunna, Jay (Teresa) McNamara of Albion; and John (Ann) McNamara of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Alta Hite and a daughter-in-law, Melissa Patrick.

Funeral services were January 9, 2010, in the Independent Baptist Church in South Milford, with Pastor Earl Bolen officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Kenneth E. Beachler, 68

CHURUBUSCO – Kenneth E. Beachler, age 68, a resident of rural Churubusco, passed away at 6:05 p. m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at the family residence in Green Township. He had been in declining health for the past three years.

Mr. Beachler was born in Wabash on September 27, 1941, a son of the late Ernie and Flora E. (Renicker) Beachler, and spent his formative years in Laketon. He graduated from Laketon High School in 1959, was a graduate of Findlay College, and was an ordained pastor in the Church of God.

He spent his early years engaged in farming and also in carpentry, and lived in Iowa for a period. The owner and operator of Classic Wood Products in Columbia City, he later owned and operated Thor Trucking. Following his retirement in 2000, he and his wife started Garden Cottage Flowers & Produce at their residence north of Churubusco, and sustained that until closing this fall for the season.

A member of the Sugar Grove Church of God north of Churubusco, he was a skilled woodworker, and in his leisure time enjoyed fishing.

On September 26, 1992 he was married in Churubusco to Elizabeth "Liz" (Bayford) Krider. She survives.

Other surviving relatives include his children Kirk (Kim) Beachler of Fort Wayne and Kathy (Jim) Hite of Garrett; his step-children Wayne (Judy Johnson) Krider of Churubusco, Darlene (Don) Leon of Fort Wayne, Lisa (David) Waterman of Churubusco, Donna (Mike) Ellis of Edmund, Ok., and Lynda (Eddie) Arnold of Columbia City; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at the Sugar Grove Church of God with Pastor Timothy Grable, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808; Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825; or Sugar Grove Church of God, 5019 E 500S-57, Churubusco, IN 46723

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Beachler's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Ralph Glenn Patton, 86

SANDUSKY, Ohio — Ralph Glenn Patton, 86, of Sandusky died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at Parkvue Health Care Center, Sandusky, after an extended illness.

He was born in Wadestown, W.Va., and had been a resident of the Huron area for the past 16 years.

He retired from International Harvester after working 24 years as a chief engineer.

Mr. Patton was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Sandusky and was a member of the VFW of Bluffton, Ind., and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Betty (Pugh) Patton, whom he was married to for 16 years; a daughter, Glenna (Bernerd) McFertters of Kimmell, Ind.; a stepdaughter, Vickie (Rocky) Moore of Sandusky; a son, Rev. Paul A. (Karen) Patton of Butler, Ind.; a stepson, Don (Mary) Jennings of Berlin Heights; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maxine Tonkery of Fairmont, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul D and Viola (Mathews) Patton; 2 sisters, Pauline Crandall and Juanita Lopez, and a brother, Patrick Patton.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at the Church of the Nazarene in Sandusky with the Rev. David Flack officiating.

Burial took place at 1 p.m. today at the Hoverstock Cemetery, in Zanesville, Ind.

Memorials are to Stein Hospice Services, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870 or to the Church of the Nazarene, Sandusky, Ohio 44870..

Foster Funeral Home, 410 Main St., Huron, Ohio, is handling the arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.fosterfh.com

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Geneva German

ANGOLA — Geneva M. German, 93, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mrs. German worked at Tri-State University and Angola High School in the cafeteria department.

She was involved with the Red Cross and Grey Lady's, and was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born Dec. 31, 1916, at Gillead Lake, Branch County, Michigan, to Eddie and Cora (Berry) Martin. She married Raymond W. "Shorty" German on Nov. 2, 1933. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1981.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Raymond E. "Tom" and Jana German of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and John Bowers of Angola; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Klink; a half sister, Thelma Moyses; and half brother Clyde Seiger; and one grandchild.

There will be no calling.

Private services will be held Friday, with burial to follow in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Steuben County Animal Shelter, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the guest book or to leave condolences visit www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Ernest Shell

LIGONIER — Earnest J. Shell, 91, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Shell was a lifetime area resident.

He had farmed for more than eight decades.

Mr. Shell was a 1936 graduate of Ligonier High School.

He attended the Wawaka Church of the Brethren.

He was born March 13, 1918, to John and Etta (Gill) Shell. He married Donnabelle Stahley on Aug. 30, 1941, in Wawaka. She preceded him in death on Aug. 9, 2009.

Surviving are two children, Loretta J. and Joe Bear of Tipton, and Robert J. and Loretta R. Shell of Shipshewana; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Adrian E. Shell in 2001; and a sister, Mildred Taggart.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Verne Leininger officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or to a local food bank.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Pauline Barron

ODESSA, Texas — Pauline Esther Barron, 93, of Odessa passed away Monday, January 11, 2010, at Medical Center Hospital.

She was born November 13, 1916, on a farm in Pleasant Lake, Indiana, to Frank and Mae (Worthington) Platt.

Mrs. Barron

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, George F. Barron; a brother, Russell Platt; her twin brother, Paul Lester Platt; and a half sister, Sue Orwig.

She is survived by her three sons, Fred A. Barron and wife, Beverly, of Odessa, John F. Barron and wife, Alicia, of Fort Stockton and Steven B. Barron and wife, Susan, of Odessa; two daughters, Jane Ellen Barron of Odessa and Dr. Emily Casella and husband, Dr. Jim Casella, of Baltimore, M.D.; two sisters, Bertha Waymire of Pleasant Lake, Ind., and Martha Hamby of Dallas, Texas; a half brother, Jerry Platt and wife, Pat, of Indiana; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pauline finished high school and attended Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana, where she met George Fredrick Barron from Angola. The two were married in 1939 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and honeymooned in Santa Fe, N.M.

Pauline and George Barron settled in Abilene, Texas, where all five children were born and they lived there for 20 years.

After a few years in Houston, Texas, the family moved to Odessa in 1962. From her home in Odessa, Pauline raised and nurtured her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was dedicated to her church and participated in numerous charitable and philanthropic activities.

Aside from her church and family, Pauline loved gardening, music, good books and old movies.

She remained independent and active until her last day and left this life in the same elegant manner in which she lived it.

A memorial service will be held at 11 today, Thursday, January 14, 2010, at Bethany Christian Church with the Rev. Clark Ford officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Building Fund of Bethany Christian Church.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

On line condolences may be made at www.mem.com.

Ima Heier

ANGOLA — Ima Lee Heier, 79, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at her home.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Julia Atz

"Sing to the Lord a new song. Come into His gates with singing and enter His courts with praise."

KENDALLVILLE — Julia LaNea Atz, age 86, of Kendallville entered God's courts on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Atz

Mrs. Atz was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where she was the organist for over 40 years and the choir director.

She was a member of Noble Chapter No. 122, Order of the Eastern Star for over 50 years. She also was the founder of the Noble County Concert Association and served as its president for 30 years.

Mrs. Atz was a member of Sigma Eta musical sorority and was its past national president.

An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Atz loved accompanying many East Noble Theatre shows.

With her beloved husband, John, she was named Co-Citizen of the Year in 2000 for her many contributions to the arts in the community.

She was born in Goshen on September 23, 1923, to Orlin J. and Eva Louise (Kesler) Schrock. They preceded her in death.

Mrs. Atz graduated from Goshen High School in 1941. She then went on to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, graduating in 1945 with a bachelor's degree in music education.

She married John Albert Atz on September 14, 1947, at the First Methodist Church in Goshen. Mr. Atz preceded her in death on March 20, 2006.

Mrs. Atz taught fourth grade at Parkside Elementary School in Goshen from 1945 to 1947. After moving to Kendallville, she served as a music teacher at several local schools including Wayne Center Elementary, Kendallville Central Middle School and East Noble High School for approximately 15 years.

Survivors include one son, Joseph and Theresa Atz of Kendallville; two daughters, Deborah Fagas of Fort Wayne and Catherine and Fred Kreigh of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Jenna Marie Atz, Dustin Kreigh, Scott Kreigh and Samuel Kreigh; and brother, Orlin J. and Mildred Schrock of Goshen.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 2 to 8 p.m. with an Eastern Star service held at 7:30 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, January 17, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Steve Brittenham and the Rev. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Ind.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Julia L. Atz Music Scholarship in care of the Noble County Community Foundation.

View a video tribute by Saturday, January 16, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Virgilia Platt

EDGERTON, Ohio — Virgilia Platt, 90, of Edgerton and formerly of Hamilton, Ind., died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, in Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Platt was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio, and its Rosary Altar Society.

She was born on Oct. 25, 1919, in DeKalb County, Ind., the daughter of Jacob and Eugenia (Marshall) Werner. She married Raymond Platt on May 30, 1942, in Auburn, Ind., and he preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1979.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law, Anna Mae Platt, of Butler, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton with the Rev. Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery near Hamilton, Ind.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today in the Krill Funeral Home at Edgerton, with a Scripture service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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Ima Heier

ANGOLA — Ima Lee Heier, 79, of Angola died Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at her Angola home.

Mrs. Heier had been a mathematician at Tri-State University in Angola, Ind., from 1968 until her retirement in 1992. She received professor emeritus status from Tri-State in 1994.

She had received her master's degree from Fort Hays State University in Kansas.

Mrs. Heier was a former member of the Steuben County Business and Professional Women and was an avid reader.

She was born Feb. 26, 1930, in Gove County, Kansas, to Merlyn and Velva Vivian (Smith) Beougher. They are deceased.

Her husband, Leonard Heier, died in November 1960.

Surviving are a son, Arnie (Veronica Johnson) Heier of Lafayette, Ind.; four daughters, Sherry and Warren Haskin of Austin, Texas, Vivian Nicely of Angola, Ind., Marilyn Colbert of Houston, Texas, and Christine Clark of Angola, Ind.; three brothers, Loren Beougher of Raytown, Mo., Marvin Beougher of Greenfield, Kan., and Elton Beougher of Hays, Kan.; six grandchildren, Corrinne Smith, Christina Lamantia, Christopher Heier, Leonard Mounts, Kimberly Williams and Tammy Townsend; and three great-grandchildren, Paige Nicely-Miller, Sean Smith and Alexander Lamantia.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Gilbert Heier.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with members of the family officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Marfan Foundation, 22 Manhasset Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

Doris Cord

SPRING HILL, Fla. — Doris I. Cord, 94, of Spring Hill and formerly of the LaGrange, Ind., area, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23., at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Ruby McCoy

AVILLA — Ruby McCoy, of rural Avilla died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at the residence of her daughter in Albion.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Saturday.

To leave a condolence log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Daisy Morris

FORT WAYNE — Daisy Belle Morris, 20 days old, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 4:45 p.m. from complications of premature birth at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents Matt and Addie Morris of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lily Morris; her grandparents, Steve and Nicki Post of Auburn and David and Susan Morris of Fort Wayne; her great-grandparents, Nina Dove, Virginia Post, Tom and Lois Zook all of Auburn, and Edsel and Bernadine Morris of Ripley, W.Va.

Funeral services are at 7 p.m. today at Blackhawk Christian Church, 7400 E. State St., with calling from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview North NICU Parents Connection Fund.

D.O. McComb and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Thomas Fletcher

CHURUBUSCO — Thomas L. Fletcher, 57, of Churubusco died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, in Parkview Hospital.

Funeral services will be at noon Sunday in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will follow in the Eel River Cemetery with full military rites.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Sunday. Memorials are to the Churubusco Community Park or Turtle Days. Envelops will be available in the funeral home.

Leave a condolence for the family by logging onto, www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Luella Bergmeier

WATERLOO, Iowa — Luella Mae Bergmeier, 87, of Dysart, Iowa, died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Parrott & Wood Chapel of Memories in Waterloo, Iowa.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Stella Rhea

AVILLA — Stella Rhea, 87, of Avilla died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

LaVon Shelton

FREMONT — LaVon B. Shelton, 85, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Shelton was a retired home heath nurse.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Steuben County.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

THE FAMILY OF
VON SPARKMAN

would like to thank all of our family and friends for their sympathy and support during our time of grief. Special thanks to Hite Funeral Home, The Harbor of Love Church and The Flower Shoppe.

Thank you, The Family of Von Sparkman

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Ruby McCoy

AVILLA — Ruby McCoy, 83, a resident of rural Avilla and widow of Raymond J. "Gene" McCoy, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at the residence of her daughter in Albion. She had been in failing health for some time, but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. McCoy

Mrs. McCoy was born in Rockfork, Kentucky, on August 2, 1926, a daughter of Noah and Frances (Conley) Gibson.

She moved with her family to Fremont as a teenager. As a young woman she had worked at Warner Gear.

On September 3, 1949, she was married in Noble County to Raymond J. "Gene" McCoy, and spent most of her adult life on the family farm in Green Township.

She enjoyed doing crafts, woodworking, crocheting, making dolls and sewing. In addition, she loved to cook and bake, and was well known for her fried chicken and homemade dinner buns. She loved gardening, and canning her fresh produce.

A lover of country and gospel music, she enjoyed life to its fullest. Family was very important to her, and she loved visiting with her brothers and sisters. In addition, her grandchildren were her delight, and she loved to have them around her.

Mr. McCoy preceded her in death on October 21, 1991.

The surviving relatives include her children, Larry (Gail) McCoy of Wolcott and Nancy Nevil and Tony McCoy, both of Albion; and four sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Albion, Nella Mae Gibson of Auburn, Della Fay Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis., and Rosa Lee Wood of Auburn. There are 20 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and 56 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Lothamer; seven sisters; seven brothers; three grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Saturday, January 16, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. George Cecil, pastor of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service this morning.

Interment will be in the family plot at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. McCoy's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Stella Rhea

KENDALLVILLE — Stella May Rhea, 86, of Kendallville died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she resided the past 11 years.

Mrs. Rhea graduated from Kendallville High School in 1942.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Rhea was a member of the Noble County Historical Society. She was a past member of Trinity Church United Methodist.

She was born in Kendallville on Feb. 8, 1923, to Archie E. and Cora E. (Lieberenz) Wright. She married Raymond J. Rhea on July 31, 1948. He preceded her in death April 24, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Millie and Dan Moody of Garrett; a son, David and Jane Rhea of Kendallville; and a grandson.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Archie Theodore Wright, and two sisters, Pauline Curie and Opal Lower.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Public Library.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Janice DeYoung

CORUNNA — Janice DeYoung, 73, of Corunna died Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. DeYoung

Mrs. DeYoung worked at Modern Air in Waterloo, Kitchen Quip in Waterloo and Dana Corp. in Kendallville before retiring in 2002.

She was a member of Corunna Church of Christ.

She was born May 7, 1936, in Hamilton to Floyd and Laura (Kauffman) Musser. She married Carl DeYoung on June 21, 1952, in Butler and he survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Cathy and Dan Zimmerman of LaGrange, Roxanne and Roger Knight of Columbia City, Jennifer and Michael Wilcox of Angola, Terrie and Michael Mills of St. Joe and Christi Rosa and her companion Gary Cossart of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, Kim and Deloris DeYoung of Waterloo; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Velma Ellert of Ashley, Wava Missler of Bryan, Ohio, Alta Gettys of Waterloo and Vera Smith of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Jason Snook; a granddaughter, Shawn Marie Shipe; a great-grandson, Corey Anglin; a brother; and five sisters.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Todd Steere officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are directed to the family.

Thelma Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma Sue Butler, 46, of Kendallville, died Thursday, January 14, 2010, at her home in Kendallville.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Visitation will be Monday from 1-4 p.m. at Hite Funeral Hom, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family. View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at hitefuneralhome.com.

Nolan Lawson

MIDDLEBURY — Nolan Douglas Lawson, 8, son of David and Keli Lawson of Middlebury died unexpectedly Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Boys and Girls Club of Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

LaVon Shelton

FREMONT — LaVon B. Shelton, 85, of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Shelton

Mrs. Shelton was a home health nurse and had retired from McCray Home Health Care of Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 18, 1924, in Pecatonica, Ill., to Grover and Lydia (Phellps) Brandenburg.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and John Ross of Fremont and Audrey and Don Rinehart of Fremont; two sons, Larry Shelton of Fremont and Robert Shelton of Springboro, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Larue Krull of Iowa, Lavera Crone of Fort Wayne and Lois Hillman of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Lois Louise Brandenburg; and six brothers, Leslie, Lyle, Lawrence, Lowell "Bud," Gerald and Leighton "Lee" Brandenburg; and one son, Gary Shelton.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Steuben County.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuenralhome.com.

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Chris Purlee was like a shining star

BY WANDA YODER
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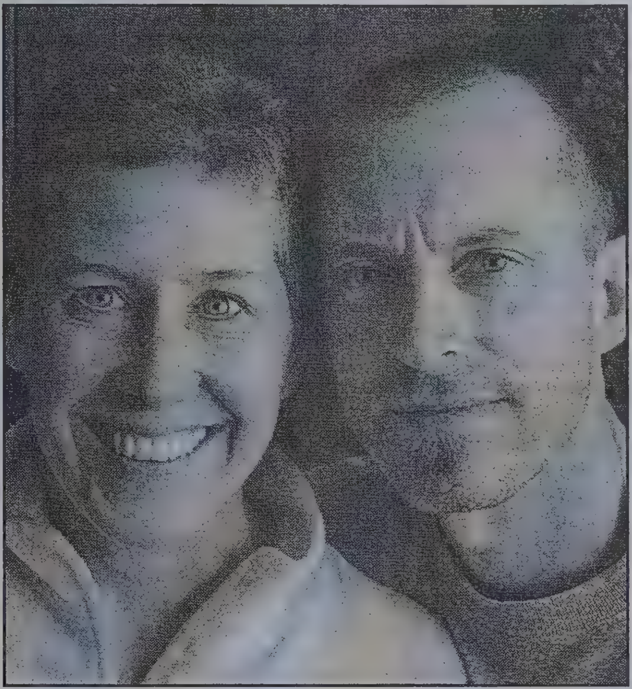
LAGRANGE — Christine L. Purlee, 44, of Howe, was surrounded by her family at her home early Saturday morning, Dec. 5, 2009, when she ended her hard fought battle with cancer. But the end of Chris Purlee's life tells only half the story of what kind of a person she was.

According to her pastor, the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of the LaGrange Church of God, Chris Purlee lead her life like that of the star that shown over Bethlehem, directing the shepherds to the Christ-child.

"She was always caring and a person who always loved people. Attentive but non-judgmental. Being around Chris inspired a person to be a better and more loving person. She 'let the light shine' with how she lived. She didn't have to preach," Pastor Brian said.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Chris Purlee is shown with her husband, Greg.

Chris was born June 25, 1965, in Coldwater, Mich., the daughter of Roger and Genevieve (Brouillard) Smoker, graduated from Sturgis High School and moved to Howe in 1984. She married Greg Purlee on July 21, 1984.

"When we were dating, many of those dates would be to visit nursing home residents," Greg remembered. "She had a strong care and desire for others. Chris didn't think a lot about herself and her needs but about others."

Chris will undoubtedly be remembered for her devotion to children in Honduras that she befriended while on a mission trip. Her husband and children accompanied her on the most recent trips. Before her life ended, she made nine trips to Honduras for the Forgotten Children Ministries, ministering to street children and orphans in an area where kids fought for food, lived a life of stealing and glue sniffing.

Many in her church could testify to the encouragement and support they felt after receiving one of Chris' "Sunshine Baskets." The baskets were left at the church with a person's name attached, with neither the pastor nor anyone in the congregation except her family knowing where they came from.

"Someone gave her one and she was so blessed that she gave to others," Greg explained. "At least a dozen were delivered. They went to people experiencing stroke, cancer or facing death whether she knew them or not. Before she heard of a need, she would go to the store and pick up little things, of all types and description. Opening one package everyday gave people something to look forward to. Chris had a strong sense of caring and desire for others," Greg said.

Chris also reached beyond the Sunshine Basket to support others in need of strength beyond themselves. Ruth Chester of Howe, who does not attend the LaGrange Church of God, felt Chris' special touch when their grandson was diagnosed with cancer. "She was a sweetheart. She made you feel like it was all about you and not her—when all the time she was suffering," Ruth said and explained that she and Chris met through a relative and friend. "She comforted us and then we cared for Chris and her family."

Many more stories have surfaced about Chris since her passing and more may come to light. And, like a ripple in the water from one stone cast, it goes on and on.

Greg and Chris have three children at home: Aaron, 20, a recent graduate of Glen Oaks Community College, Centreville, Mich.; Jenna, 17, a senior at Lakeland High School; and Robin, 15, a sophomore at Lakeland. All three children were home-schooled until Chris became too ill to continue.

The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Chris' memory consider the Forgotten Children Ministries P.O. Box 24085, Chattanooga, TN 374220-4085.

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Thelma Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma Sue Butler, age 46, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Butler

Mrs. Butler was born in Kendallville on January 3, 1964, to Edgar and Flossie (Gibson) Caudill.

She married Michael Butler on July 12, 1997, in Lisbon.

Thelma was a very good artist and enjoyed sewing and spending time with her grandson.

Survivors include: her mother, Flossie Martin of Kendallville; her husband, Michael Butler of Kendallville; a daughter, Amanda Caudill of Kendallville; a son, Logan Butler of Kendallville; a grandson, Landon Brinkman of Rome City; brothers, Frank Handshoe, Bill Handshoe and Melvin Handshoe all of Angola, Edgar Caudill, Jr. of Kendallville and Dan Gibson of Indianapolis; and sisters, Rose Collins of Kendallville and Louise Helmer of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by father, Edgar Caudill; brother, Jesse Handshoe; and sister, Donna Handshoe.

Visitation will be Monday, January 18, 2010, from 1:00-4:00pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Willie Collins.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to family.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana, 46755.

Evelyn Claxton

BUTLER — Evelyn C Claxton, 70 died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Ashley on Jan. 30, 1939 to Joseph A. and Cornelia (Schuitte) Gfeller. They have both passed away. She married Ronald Claxton in July 1990 and he died Nov. 5, 2008.

She worked for Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler retiring in October 1979.

She is survived by two daughters and son in laws; Linda and Jacob Baird of Butler and Darlene and Karl Mavis of St. Joe; a son Robert E. Lee of Butler; a brother, Frederick Gfeller of Corunna, and two sisters Mary Ann Freeburg of Chicago, and Agnes Fender of Ashley; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

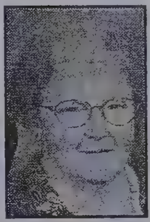
Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo are in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Lila Allen

AUBURN — Lila L. Allen, 85, of Auburn, and formerly of Angola, died Saturday Jan. 16, 2010 at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.



Mrs. Allen

She was born in Angola on Sept.ember 22, 1924, to Carl and Lilly (Rinehart) Erwin and they have both passed away.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

She married Archie A. Allen on March 13, 1943, in San Antonio, Texas and he died Oct. 6, 2008.

She is survived by a daughter Sandra "Sandy" L. Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio, and a son and daughter-in-law Steven D. and Molly Allen of Auburn; three grandchildren, Amanda (Tom) Peet of Auburn, Tyler Allen of Fort Wayne and Carli Allen of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers, Johne Erwin and Carlton Erwin.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn. Wayne Michael will officiate.

Burial in Lake Gage Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Tuesday from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to American Diabetes Assoc. or the Auburn Church of Christ.

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Mary Sclabach

TOPEKA — Mary J. Schlabach, aged 88 years, eight months and 16 days, of Topeka, passed away Jan. 15, 2010, at 8:30 p.m. as the result of natural causes.

She was born on April 28, 1921, to John S. and Martha Miller. On January 14, 1941, she married Amos Schlabach, he preceded her in death on May 15, 1994. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and was a dedicated homemaker.

She is survived by six daughters and their husbands, Barbara Ellen and Wilbur Yoder of Topeka, Edna and Ervin Bontrager of Topeka, Mattie and Edward Slabach Jr. of Shipshewana, Katie and Ernest Mullet of Shipshewana, Anna and LeRoy Lambright of Topeka, and Naomah and Willie Yoder of Millersburg; nine sons and their wives: John and Katie Schlabach of Shipshewana, Ervin and Diane Schlabach of Texas, Mahlon and Treva Schlabach of Shipshewana, Amos Jr. and Ruby Schlabach of Shipshewana, Lloyd and Marietta Schlabach of Ligonier, Harley and LaVera Schlabach of Goshen, Ray and Miriam Schlabach of Sarasota, Fla., Leroy Schlabach of Sarasota, Fla., and Nelson and Martha Schlabach of Topeka.

She also leaves to mourn 215 grandchildren, 238 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, and three sisters: Lena, Mattie, and Katie.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Elsa; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three brothers, and five sisters.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. on Sunday and all day Monday at the Wilbur Yoder residence-4825 W. 700 S., Topeka.

A funeral service will be held, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Floyd Fry residence-4685 W. 700 S., Topeka. Bishop Samuel Herschberger along with the home ministry will officiate. Burial will take place in Hawpatch Cemetery-Topeka. Pallbearers will be Floyd Fry, Wayne Fry, Calvin Raber, and Lloyd Bontrager.

Ed Woodward

FORT WAYNE — Ed Woodward, Jr., 65, passed away Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Woodward

Born in New Haven, he worked as a machinist with Tokheim, retiring in 2002.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry L. Woodward; sons, Ed III and Flo Woodward of Huntertown, Russ and Kisha Woodward of Laotto; daughters, Lori and Peter Woodward, Lisa Rodenberg, both of Fort Wayne; brothers, John Woodward, Ronnie Woodward, both of New Haven, Tom Woodward of Angola; sisters, Nancy (Pete) Pace of Decatur, Connie McDowell, Helen (Tom) Spillers, both of New Haven, Carol Brown, Peggy (Dana) Ames, both of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tina Renee Muncie, sister, Janet Rudolph. Service is 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with Pastor Forrest VanGundy officiating, with calling one hour prior. Calling is also 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial in Riverview Cemetery , Churubusco.

Memorials may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Walter Schrock

Mr. Schrock

SHIPSHEWANA — Walter L. Schrock, 80, of Shipshewana, died Saturday, Jan.16, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He was born Jan. 25, 1929 in LaGrange County, to Tobias T. and Sarah (Lambright) Schrock. On March 22, 1953 in LaGrange County, he married Wilma Jean "Jeannie" Miller, and she survives.

He was a farmer and was the owner/operator of the Sturgis Livestock Auction from 1957-1961 and the Shipshewana Auction from 1961-1981. He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Wilma Jean "Jeannie" Schrock, are four daughters, Roxy (Brad) Miller, Wanda (Dale) Bender, Debra (Steve) McDonald, Christine (Neal) Frey, and a son, Kevin (Maree) Schrock all of Shipshewana; 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, and a sister, Maxine Miller.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday and 4-8 p.m. Monday at the Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Shore Cemetery followed by an 11 a.m. memorial services at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana.Services will be conducted by Rev. Carl Horner and Rev. Brent Eash.

Memorials may be given to Gideons International or Cross International for Haitian Earthquake Relief.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Howard Kile

WELLINGTON, Fla. — Howard "Bart" Kile, 55, of Wellington, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, Jan. 15, in Wellington.

He was born to David and Marjorie Kile of Kendallville. He married Janis Kile on Sept. 10, 1988, at St. Paul of the Cross in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Mr. Kile

He graduated from East Noble High School; attended Ball State University and graduated from Indiana University. He traveled to Rockville, Md. to work at Minibar North America where he was the longest standing employee.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. His hobbies included golf, fixing things, singing in St. Rita's choir, and making people laugh.

He is is survived by parents David and Marjorie Kile, wife Janis, four daughters Beth (Hawkeye) Wayne, Brook Kile, Suzanne (Michael) Renfrow, and Jenny (Caleb) Brown, two grandchildren, Scout LaRue and Liana Renfrow, and sister Kathy Buckingham (Kevin, Ashley Richard, John).

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m. at Palms West Funeral Home Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

A memorial mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan, 20 at St. Rita's Catholic Church, Wellington. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bart's memory to: Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013 or Susan G. Komen, 5005 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244.

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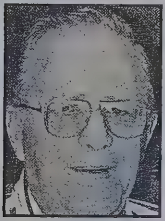
Robert Wakeman

LAOTTO — Robert G. Wakeman, 79, died on Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, at his rural La Otto home.

He was born in Noble County on Oct. 15, 1930, to the late Arthur G. and Alberta (Gongaware) Wakeman. On Sept. 2, 1950, he married Mary Ann (Young) Wakeman. In September of this last year they celebrated 59 years of marriage.


Mr. Wakeman

Bob was a lifetime Noble County farmer and a school bus driver for the East Noble School Corporation for 32 years. He loved driving bus, spending time with his grandchildren and tractors.

Surviving is his wife Mary Ann; a son and a daughter and their spouses, Lana J. and Stanley Whonsetler of Avilla, and Fred and Jackie Wakeman of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Angie (Deron) Clark, Matthew Whonsetler, John, Clark and Scott Wakeman; two great-grandchildren, Dathan and Davis Clark; a brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Ruth Anna Young; and a dear friend Gwen Stockert.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. Funeral Services will be on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, Larry Dixon and Sam Littlejohn will officiate the service. Burial will follow at the Swan Township Cemetery in La Otto. Visitation will be on Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be an additional hour of calling prior to the funeral on Tuesday.

Active Pallbearers will be: Matthew Whonsetler, John Wakeman, Clark Wakeman, Scott Wakeman, Deron Clark, John Harper and Herb Gaff. Honorary Pallbearers will be; Burt Rimmel, Gwen Stockert, Forrest Parks, Dale Mynhier and Glen Jones.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be directed to the Noble County Humane Society, envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Grace Jenkot

LAGRANGE — Grace V. Barrows Jenkot, LaGrange, died Friday Jan. 15, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Grace Jenkot

LAGRANGE — Grace V. Jenkot, 84, of LaGrange died Friday, January 15, 2010, at 11:55 p.m. at Life Care Center of LaGrange, LaGrange.

Mrs. Jenkot

She was born in LaGrange on June 21, 1925, to William O. Draper and Gena R. (Randol} Draper. She married Henry Jenkot on October, 29, 1949. He preceded her in death in 1963.

Grace was previously employed at Harvey Paper in Sturgis, Mich., as a secretary. She later became a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, sewing and making quilts for her family.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Victoria S. and Jim Rowe-Shrock of Kendallville and Josephine K. Jenkot, Bronson, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, George O. and Angie Jenkot of Howe, Henry W. and Jan Jenkot of Durant, Okla., and Anthony and Irene Jenkot of Oscoda, Mich.; one sister, Josephine Shrock of Howe; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; three sisters, Ida Mae Friesner, Frances Lung and Rosa Caldwell; three brothers, Donald Draper, Frank Draper and William Draper; and three grandchildren - Carrie Rowe, Jamie Jenkot and George Morpeth.

Services will be at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 11 a.m. with Father Bernard Ramenaden of The St. Gasper del Buffalo Parish, Rome City, officiating. Burial will be at Greenwooc Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be at Carney Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, today, Monday, January 18, , from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Catharine Minehart

BUTLER — Catharine S. Minehart, 70 died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb.

Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Kim Bontrager

KENDALLVILLE — Kim Bontrager, 53, died Sunday at home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Mary Means

AUBURN — Mary E. Means, 89, of Auburn died Saturday, January 16, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born December 5, 1920, in Richland Township in DeKalb County to Frank E. and LuLu (Kennedy) Schuster. They have both passed away.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn. She was a 50-year member of the Auburn Eastern Star and was also a 50-year member of the Auburn Ladies of the Moose Auxiliary. She was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge.

She married Kenneth R. Means on June 14, 1939, in Auburn, and he died August 5, 1998.

She is survived by a brother, Walter Schuster of Muncie, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband and a brother, Warren Henry Schuster.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is two hours prior to the service Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Children First Center in Auburn.

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Emma Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Emma Kathryn Hicks, 67, of Kendallville died on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Fort Wayne on December 15, 1942, to the late Ernest Roy and Alice Mae (Faye) Thomas.

She graduated from Rome City High School in 1960 and married Wayne Hicks. He preceded her death on November 5, 2008.

Kate was employed with Flint & Walling in Kendallville for 32 years before retiring in 2007.

She was an Indianapolis Colts football and Pacers basketball fan, and Atlanta Braves baseball fan. Kate was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and spending time with family and grand kids.

Survivors include two daughters, Laura Mae Cook of Kendallville and Sandra Kay Shepherd of Kendallville; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Lee Hicks of Avilla, Harold Douglas Hicks of Montana and Larry and Melissa Hicks of Kimmell; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrytle Wells of Wolcottville; and three brothers, Ralph Thomas of Rome City, Jim Thomas of Georgia and Harley Thomas of Middlebury.

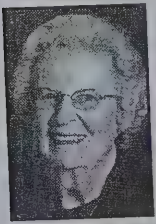
She was also preceded in death by a brother, LeRoy Thomas, and two sisters, Dorothy Slusher and Anna John.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral services will be Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Chris Mosley. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casket bearers will be her sons, Gary, Doug, and Kevin Hicks; Ralph Thomas, Dustin Hicks, and Randy Shepherd.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen Johnson

AUBURN —Helen H. Johnson, 86, of Auburn died Sunday, January 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mrs. Johnson

She was born in Auburn on May 27, 1923, to Don F. and Mary (Weaver) Hawver.

Helen was secretary-treasurer for Johnson Oil Co. in Auburn for 36 years, and she also worked as a clerk for Keltch Drugs, and Dan Cunningham for 12 years before her retirement in 2000.

She was a member of County Line Church of God, Joy Group at County Line, Tri Kappa, PBW in Auburn and Wilmington Township Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by a son, Walter Richard Johnson of Orland; a daughter, Sharon Kay (Roger) Feingold of Jacksonville, Fla.; a son-in-law, Timothy Albert of Garrett; a sister, Eliner Gingrich of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Andrea (Stuart) Feingold James of Gainesville, Fla., Kellie Feingold of Jacksonville, Fla., and Ezekiel Albert of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three daughters, Nancy Ann Johnson in 1950, Patricia Marie Johnson in 1951 and Sandra Elaine Albert in April 2009; and a brother, Linley Hawver.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday January 20, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to County Line Church of God or DeKalb County Youth for Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 19, 2010, Tuesday

Catharine Minehart

BUTLER — Catharine S. Minehart 70, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

She was born on November 18, 1939 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania to George and Sarah (Dickey) Scott.

Catharine received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Dickinson College.

Mrs. Minehart

She taught at the Havertown, Pennsylvania, schools for eight years and then worked at the Butler Public Library. She was the retired clerk-treasurer of the City of Butler.

She married Richard Minehart on August 14, 1965, in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Samuel S. Minehart of Atlanta, Georgia, George G. and Danielle Minehart of Oak Park, Illinois, and Lucas and Nicole Minehart of Auburn; two brothers, John Scott of Haddonfield, New Jersey, and Charles Scott of West Chester, Pennsylvania; and three grandchildren, Mikayla, Bowen and Madalyn Minehart.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Sarah Patwell.

Cathy was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 23, at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor William Weaver officiating.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Butler Park Department or the Butler Public Library.

Condolences may be left and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Velma Liechty

ANGOLA — Velma "Libby" Spade Liechty passed away on Monday, January 18, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A 34-year resident of Jimmerson Lake, Angola, IN, she was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister.

Mrs. Liechty

Velma was born on June 1, 1917, in Adams County, IN, to the late Frank and Eva "Tucker" Spade. Velma married Leonard R. Liechty on Dec. 24, 1936 in Decatur, IN. He preceded her in death on July 17, 2009.

Surviving are a daughter, Ninetta, and son-in-law, Dennis Springer of Jimmerson Lake; a grandson, Lenn Springer of Fort Wayne and his companion, Raychal Foos; and a great-granddaughter, Natalie Springer.

Preceding her in death were four sisters and one brother.

Mrs. Liechty was a charter member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, Angola, IN. She retired from Caruso's Restaurant, Angola, after 10 years of service.

Libby was a kind and generous person. She had a quick wit and made us laugh. She loved her family and loved spending time with her great-granddaughter Natalie. She also loved IU basketball.

She will be in our hearts and minds forever. We love you dearly. Rest in peace.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, IN.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010. Private graveside services will be held on Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, IN, with Pastor Thomas E. Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes, 2955 West Orland Road, Angola, IN 46703.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 19, 2010, Tuesday

Valetta Walter

FORT WAYNE — Valetta E. Walter, 91, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Garrett, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at her residence.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Trier Ridge Community Church of God, 7501 Hessen Cassel Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will also be 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Trier Ridge Community Church of God.

To sign the online guestbook, got to www.mccombandsons.com.

Richard Brandon

GOSHEN — Richard W. "Dick" Brandon, 82, of Goshen died Friday, Jan. 15, 2010, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 1413 N. Long, Syracuse. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to St. Andrews United Methodist Church or Care at Home Hospice, P.O. Box 723, Goshen, IN 46526.

Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfuneralhome.com

Roy Aaron

ANGOLA — Roy Aaron, 76, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 18, 2010.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Kimberly Bontrager

KENDALLVILLE — Kimberly Jane Bontrager, 54, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at her home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, 229 S. State St. in Kendallville, with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the American Buchet's Disease Association.

View a video tribute by Wednesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

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Kimberly Bontrager

KENDALLVILLE — Kimberly Jane Bontrager, age 54, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at her home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bontrager

Mrs. Bontrager was born in Goshen on December 5, 1955, to John J. and Carol Kathryn (Cripe) Eldridge.

She graduated from Goshen High School in 1974 and attended Indiana University in Bloomington and South Bend.

She married Glen Joe Bontrager on July 7, 1984, at the City Church of the Brethren in Goshen.

Kim was an accountant and employed with Kendallville Iron and Metal for about five years.

She was also the office manager for Modern Education Systems in Goshen before moving to Kendallville in 1995. When their children were born, Kim was a "stay-at-home mom" and took care of her family.

Kim always loved attending all of her children's activities and events.

She enjoyed scrapbooking, craft work, and tending to her flower gardens around the house.

She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and the book club.

Kim was also a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville where she helped with Vacation Bible School and served on the Education Committee.

Survivors include her parents, John J. and Carol Eldridge of Goshen; her husband, Glen Bontrager of Kendallville; daughter, Jenna Bontrager of Kendallville; son, Blake Bontrager of Kendallville; and brothers, J. David and Judith Eldridge of Goshen, J. Douglas and Joyce Eldridge of Goshen and Jeffrey D. and Tami Eldridge of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 21, 2010, from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 22, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist, 229 South State Street in Kendallville. There will be an hour of calling at the church before the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers will be three of Kim's nephews, Ben, Chris and Luke Eldridge and Brad Clayton.

Also family friends, Dave Henke, Sanford Miller, and Clayton Detweiller.

Honorary bearers: members of Kim's book club including Anita Hess, Yvonne Strack, Jane Doyle, Becky Schowe, Cathy Wright, Lucy Foltyniak, Cindy Frick, and Shelley Imbrock.

Preferred memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the American Buchet's Disease Association or the Multiple Systems Atrophy Foundation.

View a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Valetta Walter

FORT WAYNE — Valetta E. Walter, 91, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2010, at her home in Fort Wayne. Born in Garrett, IN, Valetta was a homemaker and a member of Trier Ridge Community Church of God.

Mrs. Walter

Surviving are sons, Kenneth (Linda) Walter of Fort Wayne and Timothy J. (Page) Walter of Charleston, S.C.; sister, Martha J. Musser of Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Kirk "Scooter" (Michelle) Schmidt, and Andrew, Austin, Carly and Cole Walter; great-granddaughter, Kenzie Schmidt.

Valetta was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth D. Walter, daughter, Sue A. Schmidt; granddaughter, Karen "Mitsi" Schmidt and many brothers and sisters.

Funeral is 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Trier Ridge Community Church of God, 7501 Hessen Cassel Road with calling one hour prior. Calling also 3-7 p.m. today, Wednesday, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road.

Burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trier Ridge Community Church of God.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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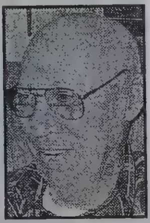
Roy Aaron Jr.

ANGOLA — Roy Aaron Jr., 77, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, in Angola.


Mr. Aaron Jr.

Mr. Aaron was a district foreman for the Indiana Department of Transportation serving Steuben, LaGrange and Noble counties. He retired in August 1997.

He was a member of East Springfield Methodist Church, Angola Moose Lodge, Angola Masonic Lodge 236, York Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

Mr. Aaron was also a 51-year member of the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department and had served as its chief. He was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard.

He was born Nov. 12, 1932, in Steuben County to Roy E. and Betty (Elkins) Aaron. He married Kathryn Newnam on April 16, 1952. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Jim and Tami Aaron of Angola; two daughters, Barb and Mike Bratton of Angola and Janet Kain of Orland; a sister, Bonnie (John) Book of Angola; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Salem Center Volunteer Fire & Rescue in care of Shannon Dailey, 8404 W. C.R. 500S, Hudson, IN 46747.

Evelyn Claxton

BUTLER — Evelyn C. Claxton, 70, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born in Ashley on Jan. 30, 1939, to Joseph A. and Cornelia (Schuitte) Gfeller. They have both passed away. She married Ronald Claxton in July 1990 and he died Nov. 5, 2008.

She worked for Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler retiring in October 1979. She had also worked at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn for six years.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-laws, Linda and Jacob Baird of Butler and Darline and Karl Mavis of St. Joe; a son, Robert E. Lee of Butler; a brother, Frederick Gfeller of Corunna; two sisters, Mary Ann Freeburg of Chicago and Agnes Fender of Ashley; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, George Lee; a daughter, Marlene Belcher; and a brother, Richard Gfeller.

Graveside services were Monday at Waterloo Cemetery in Waterloo. Father David Carkenord officiated.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

Georgetta Berry

SPENCERVILLE — Georgetta D. Berry, 65, of Spencerville died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Berry was a graduate of Urbana High School in Odgen, Ill.

She was born May 13, 1944, in Pleasant Lake to George A. and Arlene (Phillips) Wisel. She married William F. Berry on March 31, 1968. He survives in Spencerville.

Also surviving are two sons, Kurt Berry of St. Joe and Kenneth Berry of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; and three brothers, Ned Wisel of Garrett, George Wisel of Carmel and Edward Wisel of Newville.

Memorial graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Martha Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Stiffner, 87, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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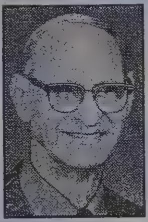
Arthur Wildeson

MISSOURI — Arthur H. Wildeson, 96, of southern Missouri and formerly of rural Auburn died the morning of January 18, 2010, where he resided several months in a nursing home.


Mr. Wildeson

He was born Feb. 3, 1913, in south Auburn to William L. and Etta E. (Miller) Wildeson. He married Ruth "Blanche" Surfus on April 24, 1938. She passed away in 1985.

Arthur was a lifetime farmer in Butler Township and worked several summers for the DeKalb County Highway Department as a roadside mower. He also was on the Cedar Creek Cemetery Board of Directors and served as sexton for many years.

As a young man, Mr. Wildeson enjoyed playing the fiddle for square dances in the surrounding area. Many can vouch that he and his wife were avid square dancers during their married life. Friends recall him playing the guitar and harmonica at the same time and writing humorous poems. They also enjoyed traveling to various parts of the country, visiting friends and relatives. He spent the last several winters in southern Missouri and moved there in the summer of 2005 to be with cousins, Joan (Sponhower) and Carl Benz.

Arthur was creative at wood working and fashioned many items for the family and friends. Each September he looked forward to the DeKalb County Fair, especially the old settlers' day and entering antiques or hand made items. He always loved to play games especially dominoes and bingo. You could count on him attending and helping with the Butler Township grade school reunions.

He was a member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church (formerly Cedar Creek Chapel Church) where he served as trustee, superintendent, janitor, and faithful bell ringer each Sunday morning. He very seldom missed a social or potluck event, loved all the holidays, even dressing as Santa and handing out his donated treats.

He is survived by two nephews, Dale Wildeson of Auburn and Dean Wildeson of Huntertown; a niece, Darlene (Wildeson) Relya of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Wildeson; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and one brother, Robert Wildeson.

Services will be at noon Friday at Altarstar United Methodist Church in Garrett with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Marilyn Ramsey

ASHLEY — Marilyn L. Ramsey, 77, of Ashley died Monday, January 18, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ramsey was a homemaker

She was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren

She was born November 7, 1932, in Irwin, Pennsylvania, to John H. and Helen L. (Kondy) Breon.

She married Seibert H. Ramsey on Aug. 29, 1950, in Irwin, Pa. He passed away on April 4, 2009.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia L. and Darrel Boyce of Ashley, and Rebecca L. and John Traster of South Milford; three sons and daughters-in-law, Randy C. and Julie Ramsey of Auburn, Tracy L. and Jayne Ramsey of Fort Wayne, and Dennis J. and Mary Ramsey of Pleasant Lake; two sisters, Audrey J. Dooley of Irwin, Pa., and Claudia M. Durmis of Irwin, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; loving aunt of Dean Ramsey of Columbus, Ohio, and Jeffrey Thomas of Ashley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She will be greatly missed by all those that loved her.

A memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren, 1993 C.R. 8, Ashley, with Valarie Kline officiating.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society and/or the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Rick Bowman

BLUFFTON — Rick A. Bowman, 55, of Bluffton died Monday, Jan. 18, 2010, at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Life Community Church with Pastor Kent Ringger officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family in care of Peggy Bowman.

Condolences may be sent online to www.thomarich.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 20, 2010, Wednesday

Thelma Sue Butler, 46

KENDALLVILE – Thelma Sue Butler, age 46, of Kendallville, died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Butler was born in Kendallville on January 3, 1964 to Edgar and Flossie (Gibson) Caudill.

She married Michael Butler on July 12, 1997 in Lisbon.

Thelma was a very good artist and enjoyed sewing and spending time with her grandson.

Survivors include: her mother, Flossie Martin of Kendallville; husband, Michael Butler of Kendallville; daughter, Amanda Caudill of Kendallville; son, Logan Butler of Kendallville; grandson, Landon Brinkman of Rome City; five brothers, Frank Handshoe, Bill Handshoe and Melvin Handshoe all of Angola, Edgar Caudill, Jr. of Kendallville and Dan Gibson of Indianapolis; two sisters, Rose Collins of Kendallville and Louise Helmer of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by father, Edgar Caudill; brother, Jesse Handshoe; and sister, Donna Handshoe

Funeral Services were January 19, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Willie Collins. Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

View a video tribute by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were by: Hite Funeral Home.

Ruby McCoy, 83

AVILLA – Ruby McCoy, 83, a resident of rural Avilla and widow of Raymond J. "Gene" McCoy, passed away at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at the residence of her daughter in Albion. She had been in failing health for some time, but her death was unexpected.

Mrs. McCoy was born in Rockfork, Kentucky on August 2, 1926, a daughter of Noah and Frances (Conley) Gibson, and moved with her family to Fremont as a teenager. As a young woman she had worked at Warner Gear.

On September 3, 1949 she was married in Noble County to Raymond J. "Gene" McCoy, and spent most of her adult life on the family farm in Green Township.

She enjoyed doing crafts, woodworking, crocheting, making dolls, and sewing. In addition, she loved to cook and bake, and was well known for her fried chicken and homemade dinner buns. She loved gardening and canning her fresh produce. A lover of country and gospel music, she enjoyed life to its fullest. Family was very important to her, and she loved visiting with her brothers and sisters. In addition, her grandchildren were her delight, and she loved to have them around her.

Mr. McCoy preceded her in death on October 21, 1991.

The surviving relatives include her children Larry (Gail) McCoy of Wolcott, and Nancy Nevil and Tony McCoy, both of Albion; and four sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Albion, Nella Mae Gibson of Auburn, DellaFay Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wisc., and Rosa Lee Wood of Auburn; twenty grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and fifty-six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter Shirley Lothamer; seven sisters and seven brothers; three grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Rev.George Cecil, pastor of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, officiated.

Interment was in the family plot at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. McCoy's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
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Robert G. Wakeman, 79

LAOTTO - Robert G. Wakeman, 79, died on Friday, January 15, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at his rural La Otto home.

He was born in Noble County on October 15, 1930 to the late Arthur G. and Alberta (Gongaware) Wakeman. On September 2, 1950 he married Mary Ann (Young) Wakeman. In September of this last year they celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Bob was a lifetime Noble County Farmer and a school bus driver for the East Noble School Corporation for 32 years. He loved driving bus, spending time with his grandchildren and tractors.

Surving is his wife, Mary Ann; a son, Fred (Jackie) Wakeman of La Otto and a daughter, Lana J. (Stanley) Whonsetler of Avilla; five grandchildren, Angie (Deron) Clark, Matthew Whonsetler, John, Clark and Scott Wakeman; two great-grandchildren, Dathan and Davis Clark; a brother, Lloyd (Ruth Anna) Young; and a dear friend Gwen Stockert.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Funeral Services were on January 19, 2010 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

Larry Dixon and Sam Littlejohn officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Swan Township Cemetery in LaOtto.

Active Pallbears were Matthew Whonsetler, John Wakeman, Clark Wakeman, Scott Wakeman, Deron Clark, John Harper and Herb Gaff.

Honorary Pallbearers were Burt Rimmel, Gwen Stockert, Forrest Parks, Dale Mynhier and Glen Jones.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be directed to the Noble County Humane Society, envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneral home.com

Lenore V. Winebrenner, 91

WOLF LAKE - Lenore V. "Betty" Winebrenner, 91 of Wolf Lake, died on Monday, January 11, 2010 at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Betty was born on March 3, 1918 in 1947 in Ligonier she married Hugh Winebrenner, he preceded her in death on December 9, 2008.

She was a member of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Wolf Lake Lions Club and the Wolf Lake VFW Auxillary.

She is survived by one brother and sister-in-law Sanger and Janet Reed of Granger, Indiana and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was January 14, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at the the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Burial followed at the Wolf Lake Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be directed to the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

To view the obituary online or to sign the electronic guest register go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Martha Stiffner

KENDALLVILLE — Martha Lucille Stiffner, age 87, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

Mrs. Stiffner

Mrs. Stiffner was born in Albion, Indiana, on July 7, 1922, to the late Ray and Altha (Grossman) Stillinger.

She graduated from Rome City High School in 1940 and from Tri-State Secretarial College in 1941.

She married Ralph Wilson Stiffner on March 4, 1944, at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren parsonage. He preceded her death December 13, 2007.

Martha was a retired secretary from the Noble REMC. She was also employed with Butler and Black Insurance Agency in Albion and she worked in the cafeteria at Rome City School in the past.

Martha was a longtime member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church in Brimfield where she served as the church pianist for 70 years. She also served as the church secretary, the Administrative Council secretary, and the United Methodist Women secretary and treasurer. She enjoyed genealogy and playing the piano.

As a young lady she played the violin in her high school orchestra.

Survivors include: daughter, Carolyn and Clayton Morr of Wawaka, daughter, Alice Stiffner of Kendallville; four grandchildren and their spouses, Christine and Ric Jordan of Wawaka, Carol and Mike Selby of Albion, Jennifer and Wayne Diehm, Jr. of Kendallville; and Joel Streich of Wawaka; great grandchildren: Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla; Kimberely, Olivia, Wayne III, and Clayton Diehm all of Kendallville; Anna and Mikey Selby of Albion; one great-great granddaughter, Allison Walkup.

Visitation will be Friday, January 22, 2010, from 3:00-7:00 pm at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 11:00 am at Brimfield United Methodist Church, in Brimfield. There will be an hour of calling before the service

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Omer Nisley.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Ernie Cook, Jeff Hosted, Ric Jordan, Mike Selby, Wayne Diehm, Jr. and Joel Streich.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Brimfield United Methodist Church or Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Donald Gadson

MIDDLEBURY — Donald E. Gadson, 78, of Middlebury died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Scott United Methodist Church, 7020 N. C.R. 675W, Shipshewana. Burial with full military graveside services will be in Scott Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Larry Barnes

ASHLEY — Larry A. Barnes, 72, of Ashley died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Andrea Saunders

LIGONIER — Andrea Saunders, 61, of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan 17, 2010.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Tonya Smith

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tonya Renee Smith, 19, of Tallahassee, Florida, died Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 3:40 a.m. in a one-vehicle accident.

Miss Smith

Tonya had lived in Florida for six years, coming from Iowa. She was employed at Kohl's.

She loved fishing, riding dirt bikes, and, most of all, she loved having fun with her friends and family. She was beautiful and full of life. She will be missed so much.

She was born February 21, 1990, in Auburn to Mark and Shawn (Farrow) Smith. Her father survives in Albion, and her mother survives in Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Also surviving are her fiance, Jesse Fox of Tallahassee, Florida; four sisters, Jenny Jones of Ames, Iowa, Jessy Jones of Ames, Iowa, Tarryn Smith of Albion, and Tia Smith of Blue Earth, Minnesota; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Brandon and Angel Smith of Albion, Joshua Jones of Tallahassee, Florida, Kayden Smith of Albion, and Chandler Smith of Albion; maternal grandparents, Dick and Leona Farrow of Iowa; paternal grandfather, Billy Smith of Albion; two nephews, Jayce Smith and Jayden Smith; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Racine Smith.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 23, 2010, in Rake, Iowa.

A memorial service will be Monday, January 25, 2010, at 6 p.m. in Harbor of Love Church, 2353 South Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charlie Mosley, Pastor Clarence Combs, and Pastor Billy Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Assisting the family with arrangements is Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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*The **William Hinkley** family extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful outpouring of love and support from our many friends and neighbors during Bill's recent illness and death. We would also like to thank all those who sent cards, flowers, or provided meals during this difficult time. May God bless you all!*

Sincerely, The Hinkleys
Olive, Shelly, John and Family

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 21, 2010, Thursday

Betty Kleeman

GARRETT — Betty L. (Vallieu) Kleeman, 78, of Garrett died Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kleeman

She worked for the Auburn State Bank for 10 years, managed the W-M Employees Federal Credit Union for 19 years, and was Electric Motors 401K trustee for 12 years, retiring in 1993.

Mrs. Kleeman was a member of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born April 19, 1931, in Auburn to Harold and Hazel (Woolever) Vallieu. She married Herbert Kleeman on March 2, 1952, in Auburn. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Deb Kleeman of Garrett and Terry and Art Hornburg of Alsip, Ill.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Tom and Evie Kleeman of Garrett, Michael Kleeman of Auburn and Patrick and Debbie Kleeman of Garrett; two sisters, Norma Allen of Rock Hill, S.C., and Ann Brown of Butler; seven grandchildren, Adam Kleeman, Zech Kleeman, Nathan Kleeman, Andrew Kleeman, Natalie Hornburg, Emily Hornburg and Maura Lepley; and three great-grandchildren, Jacob Kleeman, Julia Kleeman and Addisyn Terry.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two grandchildren, Jared Kleeman and Art Hornburg; and one sister, Maxine Bond.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett and/or the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 22, 2010, Friday

Larry Barnes

ASHLEY — Larry A. Barnes, 72, of Ashley died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Barnes worked as a printer for Moore Business Forms in Angola for 31 years, retiring in 1992.

He was born July 14, 1937, in Lansing, Mich., to Earl W. and Margarete E. (Howard) Barnes. They both preceded him in death.

He married Margaret A. "Peg" Frase-Figgins on Jan. 9, 1981, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffry D. Barnes of Pleasant Lake, Rick L. Barnes of Hamilton and David L. and Tracy Figgins of Houston, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth E. and Paris Hasty of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Brian H. and Carol Barnes of Los Osos, CaliF., and Pasha and Annie Rostov of Malaysia; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Tim Stewart of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Brad Barnes, Kara Barnes, Tina Barnes, Cory Barnes, Brennan Figgins, Sara (Jake) McGinnis, Ben Huth and Brandi Huth; and four great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Huth, Nate Huth, Jacob McGinnis and Landon Dale.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Ramonda "Jean" Platter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

David Imbrock

KENDALLVILLE — David C. Imbrock, 57, of Kendallville died Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from complications of a stroke.

Mr. Imbrock was an accountant for E-Z Car Credit in Fort Wayne for the past 20 years.

He was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He was also a dedicated member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge 1194.

He was born July 30, 1952, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Alfred and Mildred (Dachenhaus) Imbrock. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Holgate, Ohio.

He married Shelley Heffley on August 15, 1987, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Ande and Nicholle Sanchez of Muncie, Jerod Sanchez of Indianapolis, Paul Imbrock of West Lafayette, and Joseph Imbrock of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Lawson Sanchez and Sloane Sanchez; two sisters, Margaret Imbrock of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Judith Imbrock of Wauseon, Ohio; and a brother, Conrad Imbrock of Dayton, Ohio.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to the Bixler Lake disc golf course fund in care of Campbell & Fetter Bank.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 23, 2010, Saturday

David Wilson

KENDALLVILLE — David W. Wilson, 80, of Kendallville died on Friday, January 22, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center where he has received excellent care since 2006.

He was born in Moline, Illinois, on July 15, 1929, to the late Robert and Edna (Swain) Wilson.

Mr. Wilson graduated from Rock Island High School in 1947. He later attended the Art Institute of Chicago.

He served his country in the United States Army for two years from 1951 to 1953. During his time in the military he served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Mr. Wilson was the president of Wilson and Lund Advertising Agency in Moline, Illinois, for 20 years, retiring around 1980.

He liked to paint and draw, shop at Walmart, spend time on Sylvan Lake in Rome City, and travel with his family. Mr. Wilson loved spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends. He also liked trains, both traveling on them and watching them.

Survivors include a son, David W. and Chandra Wilson of Rome City, Indiana; six daughters, Elizabeth and Eric Lund of McKinney, Texas, Eileen and Mike Ickes of East Moline, Illinois, Mary Wilson of Finley, Ohio, Sarah Nelson of Austin, Texas, Jennifer and Roan Ebert of Liberty Hill, Texas, and Amy and Jonathon Brewer of Carrollton, Texas; 12 grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Ann Ashby of Iowa; and life-long friends, John and Rosie Dingeldein of Rock Island, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents, several brothers and sisters, and his former wife; Ann Roesler Wilson.

There will be no visitation or services.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Estella Howell

WHITE OAK, N.C. — Estella Dee Howell, 77, of White Oak died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at the home of a son in Carthage, N.C.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Howell was born April 2, 1932, in Napoleon, Ohio, to Clarence B. and Marguerite Irene (Bost) Routt.

Her husband, Chesley G. Howell, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathy P. Cathey of Charlotte, N.C., and Karin L. Roberts of Crocker, Mo.; three sons, Kevin M. Pentico of Swedeburg, Mo., Kelly S. Howell of Carthage and Steven A. Howell of York, S.C.; two sisters, Jaine Wilhite of Sun City, Ariz., and Ann Keller of Crocker, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Kellie D. Cathey.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, N.C., with the Rev. Frank Davis officiating. Burial will be in Main Post Cemetery at Ft. Bragg.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

E. Maxine Woodworth

ANGOLA — E. Maxine Woodworth, 88, of Angola died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, in Angola.

Mrs. Woodworth had worked in the cafeteria for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for five years. She had also served as an aide at Cameron Memorial Hospital for five years.

She was a 50 plus year member of the Angola Chapter 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Woodworth has formerly served as a Cub Scout den mother.

She was born March 21, 1921, in Steuben County, to Dale and Wildus (Dailey) Fanning. They are deceased.

She married Stephen Woodworth on Oct. 31, 1947. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Stephen Woodworth of Angola and Donald and Peggy Palmer of The Villages, Florida; a brother, Robert Fanning of Angola; a sister, Phyllis Lobdell of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; and four grandchildren, Heather Palmer, Kimberly Palmer, James Woodworth and Anthony Woodworth.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Donald L. Palmer in 1944 and three sisters, Marcella Seavey, June Mark and Mary Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Arrangements handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, IN.

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Larry Barnes

ASHLEY — Larry A. Barnes, 72, of Ashley died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Barnes worked as a printer for Moore Business Forms in Angola for 31 years, retiring in 1992.

He was born July 14, 1937, in Lansing, Mich., to Earl W. and Margarete E. (Howard) Barnes. They both preceded him in death.

He married Margaret A. "Peg" Frase-Figgins on Jan. 9, 1981, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffry D. Barnes of Pleasant Lake, Rick L. Barnes of Hamilton and David L. and Tracy Figgins of Houston, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Beth E. and Paris Hasty of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Brian H. and Carol Barnes of Los Osos, Calif., and Pasha and Annie Rostov of Malaysia; a sister and brother-in-law, Marsha and Tim Stewart of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Brad Barnes, Kara Barnes, Tina Barnes, Cory Barnes, Brennan Figgins, Sara (Jake) McGinnis, Ben (Brandi) Huth and Katie Platter; and four great-grandchildren, Rhiannon Huth, Nate Huth, Jacob McGinnis and Landon Dale.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Ramonda "Jean" Platter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Joseph Mast

SHIPSHEWANA — Joseph A. Mast, 64, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Scott United Methodist Church, 7020 N. C.R. 675W, Shipshewana. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Lima/Scott Food Pantry.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Lois Collins

AUBURN — Lois K. (Strombeck) Collins, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

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Smolinske lived Democratic politics

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — She was one of the hundreds of thousands of women affectionately called Rosie the Riveter who worked in America's factories during World War II making munitions and equipment for the war effort.

She left her job at Uhl's Service Center in Kendallville in 1943 to work at Flint & Walling making tracer shells. This experience led to a lifetime dedicated to the labor movement and women's issues.

For nearly 60 years she championed the causes of the Democratic Party, and met many famous Democratic national politicians.

Cora Smolinske's life was serving others and she will be missed by many.

"Cora considered the Noble County Democrats to be her family, and we already miss her greatly," said Carmen Darland, Noble County and Third District Democratic Party chairwoman.

Cora Alice Smolinske, 90, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

When asked by a reporter why she went to work at Flint & Walling, Smolinske said she was more needed in local industry.

"All of the guys were going to the service. Women and guys not called to the service were the only ones left to work."

Flint & Walling has always been alongside the railroad tracks that run through downtown Kendallville.

"When a train would pass through, all the military boys would wave and holler at us inside the plant," Smolinske recalled several years ago in a News Sun special edition about working women. "You really felt you were a part of things. We were at war."

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JILL LONG
Working For Us

FILE PHOTO

Former U.S. Rep. Jill Long, left, was one of the late Cora Smolinske's favorite politicians. Here Smolinske is shown with a Long at a political gathering.

After the war Smolinske received the U.S. Navy E medal recognizing "Women on the Homefront."

She stayed at Flint & Walling until her retirement in 1995. Her beginning days in the workforce inspired her sensitivity toward working people and active involvement in the labor movement.

In 1975 Smolinske founded the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW). She was active for many years with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers Union, and walked the picket lines outside the Flint & Walling plant during a 12-week strike in 1968. Smolinske witnessed the signing of a union-management contract at the end of the strike that gave employees their own pension and dental plan.

She said she joined the political movement after seeing the Democratic Party consistently vote

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for the nation's working people.

"I deeply care about people," she told a reporter. "I think everyone should have an equal chance to prove themselves." Smolinske was repeatedly chosen as a delegate for the Democratic National Convention.

Smolinske served for many years as the Noble County Democratic Central Committee secretary, and registered hundreds of new voters over the years, stuffed envelopes, organized rallies and worked at party headquarters on election day. Her work on the principles fundamental to the Democratic Party spanned many decades and many elections, commented Darland.

"Her presence inspired my personal involvement and the participation of many other Democrats. At every event, Cora would be there working hard to represent working class people."

Her granddaughter Cammi Rink of Kendallville said her "Gram" was a real strong force in her life. "She'd seen and done so much in her life, and she passed her tried and true beliefs on to me. I have always trusted anything she believed in because she was too smart to be wrong."

Former five-term Democratic Kendallville Mayor John Riemke described Smolinske as one of his most loyal supporters during his 20 years in public office.

"She was very active in helping my campaigns, registering voters, canvassing, working the phone banks, taking voters to the polls. She was truly a great Democrat in her heart, and more importantly in her involvement."

Smolinske was an elected delegate to the state Democratic conventions since the 1960s. She represented the old 4th District at four Democratic National Conventions — 1976 in New York City, 1980 in New York City, 1984 in San Francisco, and 1996 in Chicago. She met Harry S. Truman, and John F. Kennedy when he was running for the presidency. She was an active supporter and a delegate for Sen. Ted Kennedy in his bid for the presidency in 1980.

In April last year she was presented with the J. Edward Roush Award for her nearly a half a century of work for the Democratic Party at the annual 3rd District Democratic Central Committee dinner.

About a year ago Rink watched President Barack Obama's inauguration on TV with her "Gram." Rink remembers both of them crying happy tears. "We were both so happy to see history in the making, both so proud to be Americans and Democrats."

In addition to Rink, Smolinske is survived by another granddaughter Angie Atteberry of Leesburg; a grandson Steve Hostler of Kendallville; great-grandchildren, Jacob Shisler, Karissa DeClue and Steven and Jenny Hostler; a great-great grandchild; a sister Esther Tjarks of LaGrange; a sister-in-law Helen Smolinske of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law Butch Webb of South Milford.

Smolinske is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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Lois Collins

AUBURN — Lois K. (Strombeck) Collins, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 21, 2010 at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Collins was an assistant manager for Catherine's of Fort Wayne for 12 years, retiring in 1996.

She was a member of the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe. She was also an active member of the Women of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and the Butler Eagles.

She was born on Nov. 24, 1925, in Auburn to Fred and Sadie (Bleeks) Reeder. They preceded her in death. She married Herman Collins on Feb. 14, 1996, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 2009.

Surviving are: two daughters and a son-in-law, Claudia S. and Douglas Winn of Auburn, and Kay L. Brown of Billings, Mont.; a son and his companion, Kyle E. Strombeck and Debra Storer of St. Joe; one step-daughter and spouse, Pennie and Tim Gitary of Auburn; one step-son and spouse, David and Randy Collins of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, first husband, Richard Strombeck, and second husband, Herman Collins, were three sisters, Lyla Reeder, Gertrude Smart, and Carrie Ames, and one brother, George Reeder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Mark Lutheran Church in St. Joe.

Frieda Mast

LAGRANGE — Frieda Mae Mast, 58, of LaGrange died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, at her residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, at the family residence, 2385 West C.R. 300S, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is today after 1 p.m. and all day Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Olive Polinder

SOUTH BEND — Olive Hope Polinder, 4 months, died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She was the daughter of Rustin and Lynette Polinder, who were working in Chiang Rai, Thailand, at the time of her birth.

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. today at Siloam Fellowship Church, 61616 C.R. 35, Goshen. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2010 at Miller Cemetery, Goshen, with a procession to the cemetery starting at 10:30 a.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Calling is 1:30-5 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are in Olive Hope's memory to the Olive Hope Scholarship Fund, Siloam Fellowship, 61616 C.R. 35, Goshen IN 46528.

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Richard Wilson

FREMONT — Richard Lee Wilson Jr., 53, died Saturday, January 23, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson was an electrician for Wolf Envelope in Angola. He was born on July 15, 1956 in Lima, Ohio, to Richard Lee Sr. and Mary Jo (Gebhart) Wilson Radcliff. He married Nancy Hancock on July 31, 1998, in Fremont.

Richard enjoyed woodworking, NASCAR, electronics, being with his grandchildren and taking walks in the park. Richard was a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy; his mom, Ruth Wilson of Coldwater, Mich.; his mother, Mary Jo Ratcliff of Kalamazoo, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Richard Lee Wilson III of Three Rivers, Mich., and Nicholas Eugene and Mercedes Wilson of Tekonsha, Mich.; four daughters and a son-in-law, Laura Wilson of Wichita, Kan., Hillary and Justin Gump of Butler, Tracey Robideau of Fremont and Trisha Robideau and her fiance, Corey Seafolk, of Angola; sisters Sheila Mather of Coldwater, Shirley Hauer of Kissimmee, Fla., Lois Spalding of Quincy, Mich., Lisa St. Louis of Coldwater, Cindy Saville of England, Sally Schendel of Batavia, Ill., and Linda Schalk of Kentwood, Mich; brothers Randy Wilson of Coldwater and Robert Wilson of Jackson, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services are Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 3 p.m. at Holy Family Episcopal Church, 909 S. Darling St., Angola, with the Rev. Michael T. Fulk officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 1 p.m. to service time at the church.

Memorials are to the Faith Community Health Clinic at Holy Family Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

To sign the guest book or leave condolences for Mr. Wilson, go to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Adrea Saunders

TOPEKA — Graveside services for Adrea Saunders, 61, of Topeka will be Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

The family will gather at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier, at noon.

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Barry Loutzenhiser

LAGRANGE — Barry N. Loutzenhiser, 56, of LaGrange died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Loutzenhiser had moved to LaGrange 30 years ago from Nappanee.

He was a lab tech at Honeywell in South Bend.

Mr. Loutzenhiser was a United States Air Force veteran.

He was born May 10, 1953, in Garrett to Beryl Eugene and Imogene Mary (Crothers) Loutzenhiser. He married Geraldine Gayheart on June 12, 1982 in Stroh. Mrs. Loutzenhiser survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Angela Flores of Auburn and AnnMichelle and Stacey Hardesty of Plymouth; four grandchildren; his mother, Imogene M. Loutzenhiser of Garrett; two sisters, Sue Hurd of Garrett and Jan Early of Leo; and three brothers, Terry Loutzenhiser of Garrett, Van Loutzenhiser of Auburn and Larry Madden of Sparta, Tenn.

His father, Beryl E. Loutzenhiser, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with Pastor Michael Hamm officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, with a military graveside service conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Elijah Haven.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Mettert

AUBURN — Marjorie P. "Midge" Mettert, 93, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Mettert

Mrs. Mettert had worked for Dana Corp., retiring in 1958.

She was born Nov. 10, 1916, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Jay and Ada Grear.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Joan Chavez of Auburn; two daughters, Barbara Shaffer of Grandview, Mo., and Patricia Varrios of Ligonier; a sister, Evlyn "Leb" Mettert of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James P. Mettert; five brothers and three sisters.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Private family funeral services will be held. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to DeKalb Humane Society.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

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Geneva Bundy

AUBURN — Geneva J. Bundy, 92, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Bundy

She was born Dec. 22, 1917, in Logansport to William and Lillian (Royer) Keck. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Linda Moser in April of 2009, and a baby brother.

She worked in the Alumni Office at Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio, then for a number of years as a school teacher. She worked in the insurance office at Cooper Tire and Rubber Company in Auburn until her retirement on January 2, 1983.

She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Toastmaster's and the Findlay College Alumni Association. She was a 1944 graduate of Findlay College. She attended Bowling Green State University and received her masters from Saint Francis College.

She married Richard L. Bundy Sr. on January 10, 1953, in Findlay, Ohio, and he survives.

She is also survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Gail Bundy Jr. of Orland, Stephen Bundy of Romona, Calif., and David and Jan Bundy of Auburn; a daughter, Deanna Bundy of Wolcottville; 12 grandchildren, James Tharpe, Larry Waldren, Jeremy Moser, Rick Goslee, Gretchen Weicht, Cody Bundy, Jaynay Yates, J.D. Moore, Shelley Bakken, Jason Bundy, Nathan Bundy and Melissa Crowl; 30 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, IN. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, IN.

Calling is Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Pamela Miller

LAGRANGE — Pamela Sue Miller, 58, of Streator, Ill., and formerly of LaGrange died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2010, at her home in Streator.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Kathryn Williamson

ANGOLA — Kathryn M. "Kate" Williamson of Angola died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Crash victim's baby delivered in failed life-saving bid

BY BOB BRALEY
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FORT WAYNE — The baby boy of a pregnant woman who died as a result of a LaGrange County crash was delivered in an unsuccessful effort to save his life, according to the Allen County Coroner's Office.

Heather M. Martin, 24, of rural LaGrange, and her son, Mackie Lee Manns III, were pronounced dead at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, at about 1 a.m. Tuesday of their injuries from a late Monday car-semi crash in LaGrange County. Martin was pregnant with Manns at the time of the crash.

"They tried to save the baby," said deputy Allen County coroner Becky Stuttle Wednesday. The baby was delivered at Parkview in Fort Wayne, but died there, she said. She declined to release any further details.

"She was just a joy to be around," said the Rev. James Bartlett of Stroh Church of Christ. He was Heather Martin's pastor and had been her golf coach when she was

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Martin

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on the Prairie Heights High School golf team. "She was one of my best players," he said.

Bartlett described Martin as a likable young lady who liked helping others and always had a smile.

She was on her way to work at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart, where she was employed as a licensed practical nurse, at the time of the crash. "She wanted to be a doctor someday," Bartlett said.

Martin lost control of the car she drove on snow and ice on U.S. 20 near C.R. 375W and struck an eastbound semi head-on at about 9:30 p.m. Monday, according to police records.

She was transported first to Parkview LaGrange Hospital with apparent arm and leg injuries, but then started to pass in and out of consciousness as doctors were having trouble finding the baby's heartbeat, according to LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin. From there she was transported to Parkview in Fort Wayne, where she died.

The Allen County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy on Heather Martin and Manns, since they died there. Both died of blunt force trauma, Stuttle said Wednesday.

"It was just a tragic accident," Stuttle said.

Semi driver Dartagnan Tussey of Jackson, Mich., suffered abdominal pains after the accident, according to police records. He was treated and released at Parkview LaGrange.

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Crash kills pregnant woman

Mother, child she was carrying die at hospital

BY BOB BRALEY
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LAGRANGE — A pregnant rural LaGrange woman and the child she was carrying died Tuesday of injuries sustained in a car-semi crash Monday night on U.S. 20, according to the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department.

Heather M. Martin, 24, was pronounced dead at about 1 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, police said. Her son, Mackie Lee Manns III, was also pronounced dead at the hospital.

According to LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin, Heather Martin suffered extensive internal injuries and bleeding as a result of the crash. The baby suffered traumatic injuries as well.

According to police, Dartagnan Tussey, no age released, of Jackson, Mich., was driving a 1994 International semi eastbound on U.S. 20 near C.R. 375W at about 9:30 p.m. Monday when he saw a 2003 Oldsmobile four-door car spinning in circles as if the driver had lost control. Tussey slowed the semi and pulled it onto the shoulder of the road, but the car, driven by Martin, struck the front of the semi head-on.

Heather Martin

Both Tussey and Martin were transported to Parkview LaGrange Hospital. She was conscious when officers arrived at the scene, according to a police report. Martin was then transferred to Parkview Fort Wayne, where she was pronounced dead. The injuries that took her life were not described in the police report.

Sheriff Martin, who is not related to Heather Martin, said she was passing in and out of consciousness at the LaGrange County hospital, and that she was transported to Fort Wayne because doctors in LaGrange were having trouble finding her baby's heartbeat.

LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney said the Allen County Coroner's Office conducted an autopsy late Tuesday on Heather Martin and Manns. He declined to comment further pending autopsy results, which he expected to receive today.

Tussey suffered abdominal pain. He was treated and released in LaGrange.

Snow and ice on the road contributed to the crash, deputies said. Tussey wore his seat belt, but Martin was not wearing hers. According to police, Martin would not have been spared had she been wearing her seat belt.

The semi was registered to B&C Enterprises of Henderson, Ky. Damage to it was estimated at $2,501-$5,000.

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Heather Martin Mackie Manns III

LAGRANGE — Heather M. Martin, 24, and her son, Mackie Lee Manns III, both of LaGrange, died Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN, due to injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Heather Martin

Living most of her lifetime in LaGrange County, Heather was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School where she had played softball and golf.

She was a LPN at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart, IN.

Heather was born on December 10, 1985, in Elkhart, IN, to Wesley and Renee (Livergood) Martin. They both survive in LaGrange, IN.

Mackie was born on January 26, 2010, in Fort Wayne, IN, to Mackie Lee Manns Jr. and Heather M. Martin. His father survives in Stroh, IN.

Heather is also survived by her fiance, Mackie Lee Manns Jr. of Stroh; a sister, Jennifer Demerly of Stroh; and a nephew, Jack Demerly.

Also surviving Mackie are his maternal grandparents, Wesley and Renee Martin of LaGrange; paternal grandparents, Mackie and Pam Manns of Stroh; three aunts, Jennifer Demerly of Stroh, Joyce Cole of Albion, IN, and Mindy Manns of LaGrange, IN; and an uncle, Ricky Manns of Morehead, KY.

Funeral services for Heather and Mackie will be held on Friday, January 29, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ, (4540S C.R. 1100W, Hudson, IN), in rural Stroh, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Stroh Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.frurip mayfuneralhome.com.

Kathryn Williamson

ANGOLA — Kathryn M. "Kate" Williamson, 91, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at the home of her daughter at Hamilton Lake following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Williamson had been a homemaker in her own home.

She was a member of the Lake James Ladies Golf League, the Angola Elks Auxiliary and the Worthington Country Club in Bonita Springs, Fla.

She was born Jan. 15, 1919, in Auburn to Gene and Mary (Miller) Till.

She married Edward Williamson in 1964 and he died in 1994.

Surviving are two daughters, Pat and Jim Ingledue of Hamilton and Nancy and Glen Presley of Angola; a stepdaughter, June Williamson of Sand Point, Idaho; a stepson, Eddie Williamson of Angola; a sister, Jeanette Nelson of Homer, Mich.; two grandchildren, Dr. Brett Presley and Craig and Kristie Presley; two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Autumn Presley; three stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Edward Williamson, a brother, Bob Till, and two sisters, Betty Moore and Helen Cox.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Martha Abel

RICHMOND — Martha Magnolia "Nonie" Abel, age 92, formerly of Richmond, Centerville, and Indianapolis, died Saturday, January 23, 2010, in Goshen, Indiana.

Born March 21, 1917, in Randolph County, Indiana, to Perry O. and Lucy Myrtle Johnson Koons, she lived in this community for many years.

Mrs. Abel

Nonie was a 1935 graduate of Losantville High School and a former employee of Indiana National Bank in Indianapolis.

She attended Walnut Grove Chapel in Indianapolis, was a past member of Beta Eta Chapter of Psi Iota Xi, and was a charter member of the Hoosier Art Salon Guild in Indianapolis.

She enjoyed her family, friends, Bible study, reading, travel and the Colts.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Thomas Wigent of Ligonier, Indiana; three grandchildren, Wendy and Gary Gensch, John and Susan Wigent of Ligonier, and Amy and Jerry Klopfenstein of Portland; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Duane K. Abel, who died February 9, 2001.

Visitation for Martha Magnolia "Nonie" Abel will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Mills Funeral Home, 405 East Main Street, Centerville.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2010, at Mills Funeral Home with the Rev. Randy Worland officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery in Centerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Noble House Ministries Inc., 205 East Highland Street, Albion, IN 46701.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Reginald Doyle Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Reginald "Reggie" Berry Doyle Jr., 77, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Concordia Cemetery Gardens, 5300 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior.

Wanda Beukema

AUBURN — Wanda R. Cloyde Benya Beukema, 75, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

No calling or services are planned at this time. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 27, 2010, Wednesday

Tonya Smith, 19

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tonya Renee Smith, 19, of Tallahassee, Florida, died Saturday, January 16, 2010, at 3:40 a.m. in a one-vehicle accident.

Tonya had lived in Florida for six years, coming from Iowa. She was employed at Kohl's.

She loved fishing, riding dirt bikes, and, most of all, she loved having fun with her friends and family. She was beautiful and full of life. She will be missed so much.

She was born February 21, 1990, in Auburn to Mark and Shawn (Farrow) Smith. Her father survives in Albion, and her mother survives in Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Also surviving are her fiance, Jesse Fox of Tallahassee, Florida; four sisters, Jenny Jones and Jessy Jones of Ames, Iowa, Tarryn Smith of Albion, and Tia Smith of Blue Earth, Minnesota; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Brandon and Angel Smith of Albion, Joshua Jones of Tallahassee, Florida, Kayden Smith and Chandler Smith of Albion; maternal grandparents, Dick and Leona Farrow of Iowa; paternal grandfather, Billy Smith of Albion; two nephews, Jayce Smith and Jayden Smith; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Racine Smith.

Funeral services took place January 23, 2010, in Rake, Iowa.

A memorial service was held January 25, 2010, at 6 p.m. in Harbor of Love Church, 2353 South Lima Road, Kendallville. Pastor Charlie Mosley, Pastor Clarence Combs, and Pastor Billy Smith officiated.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Assisting the family with arrangements was Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Martha Lucille Stiffner, 87

Martha Lucille Stiffner, age 87, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

Mrs. Stiffner was born in Albion, Indiana on July 7, 1922 to the late Ray and Altha (Grossman) Stillinger.

She graduated from Rome City High School in 1940 and from Tri-State Secretarial College in 1941.

She married Ralph Wilson Stiffner on March 4, 1944 at the Wawaka Church of the Brethren parsonage. He preceded her death December 13, 2007.

Martha was a retired secretary from the Noble REMC. She was also employed with Butler and Black Insurance Agency in Albion and she worked in the cafeteria at Rome City School in the past.

Martha was a longtime member of the Brimfield United Methodist Church in Brimfield where she served as the church pianist for 70 years.

She also served as the church secretary, the Administrative Council secretary, and the United Methodist Women secretary and treasurer. She enjoyed genealogy and playing the piano. As a young lady she played the violin in her high school orchestra.

Survivors include: two daughters, Carolyn (Clayton) Morr of Wawaka and Alice Stiffner of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Christine (Ric) Jordan of Wawaka, Carol (Mike) Selby of Albion, Jennifer (Wayne) Diehm, Jr. of Kendallville, and Joel Streich of Wawaka; great grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Kory Walkup of Avilla, Kimberely, Olivia, Wayne III and Clayton Diehm all of Kendallville, Anna and Mikey Selby of Albion; one great-great granddaughter, Allison Walkup.

Funeral Services were January 23, 2010 at Brimfield United Methodist Church, in Brimfield. Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Omer Nisley. Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers were Ernie Cook, Jeff Hosted, Ric Jordan, Mike Selby, Wayne Diehm, Jr. and Joel Streich.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the Brimfield United Methodist Church or Parkview-Noble Home Health & Hospice.

View a video tribute by Friday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 28, 2010, Thursday

Shirley Hollopeter

ALBION — Shirley Celeste Hollopeter, age 75, died in her Albion home January 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

She was born on January 17, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois, to John M. and Rose C. (Heywood) Auld. She has been in the Noble County area for the past 62 years.

She married Willard E. Hollopeter on November 6, 1951, at the Albion Methodist Church in Albion.

She was a homemaker for her life's work. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Willard Hollopeter of Albion; sons, Mark Hollopeter of Albion and Craig (Debra) Hollopeter of Warsaw; a daughter, Pamela Hale; a brother, John Auld of Albion; a sister, Judy Henson of Estill Springs, Tennessee; grandchildren, Dawn (Matt) Nichols, Regina (Jay) Lortie, Patrick Hale, Ryan (Kim) Hollopeter, Benjamin Hollopeter, Courtney Hollopeter, Brittney Hollopeter, Nicholas Hollopeter, Zachary Hollopeter, Christopher Hollopeter and Tiffany Hollopeter; and great-grandchildren, Desiree (Devin) Nichols, Keira Lortie, Lillian Hollopeter and Jesse Allen.

Nieces and nephews surviving are Greg Henson, Suzanne Singleton, Lisa Kronce, Ty Copeland, Scott Copeland, Michael McFeeters, Scott McFeeters, Rose Brown, Rhonda Dean, Janene Kruse, Michelle Bellinger, Krista Roseongle and Karlea Cook.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Hollopeter; a daughter, Debra Lynn Hollopeter; and her parents.

Memorial services will be Monday, February 1, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Memorial calling will be from 5-7 Sunday evening and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

David Howell

HAMILTON — David Howell, 45, of Naples, Fla., and formerly of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2010, from injuries he received in a plane crash in the Bahamas.

Mr. Howell

Mr. Howell had lived at Hamilton Lake prior to moving with his family to Florida in 1979.

He owned and operated Naples Patio and Elegant Outdoors. He also sold real estate and was a pilot.

He was born Jan. 13, 1965, in Steuben County to Herbert and Barbara Howell. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons, Austin, Hunter and Alex Howell, all of Naples; his siblings, Steven Howell, Karen and Terry Stoy of Angola, Tommy and Missy Myers of Nashville, Ind., Richard and Elaine Myers of Roanoke, Wilma and Bud Lee, James and Linda Howell, William and Becky Howell, Charles and Linda Howell, Phil Howell and Tom and Dee Howell; 16 nieces; and seven nephews.

A memorial celebration of life service was held Jan. 23 in Naples, Fla.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 28, 2010, Thursday

Carl James

FREMONT — Carl R. James, Fremont, Indiana, passed away peacefully following a year-long battle with cancer.

Carl was born in 1924 in DeKalb County, Indiana, to Leone and George James.

Mr. James

After graduating from high school at Metz, Indiana, he joined the Navy in 1944. Carl sailed to Australia and later waded ashore in the Philippines, where as a storekeeper's mate he helped re-establish the Navy's presence at Subic Bay.

Following a stint as ship's company on the USS Samuel Chase, he hurried home to marry his high school sweetheart, Gartha Kogin.

Our father was a very practical man, and his "fix it" attitude led him to the appliance repair business, first at Frank's Department Store and later as part owner of A&K Dependable Appliance Service in Fort Wayne. For a number of years, he and his daughter, Michelle, conducted a Hereford breeding cattle business near Garrett.

Dad had a very outgoing, passionate personality and was always actively involved in his church, his community, and his family. He for many years led an adult Sunday School class at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, was an enthusiastic Little League coach and avid sports fan (particularly when any of his family was participating), loved to fly fish, travel, and pheasant hunt with his sons and grand children as recently as last year.

Following Gartha's death in 1996, he married Nannie Jo Crist of Largo, Florida, where they lived in the winter and on Snow Lake, Indiana, in the summer.

Carl was preceded also in death by his daughter Michelle and by his sister, Bonnie Aschleman, and two brothers, Clyde and Robert.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his two sons, Michael (Kaye) of Fort Wayne and Patrick (Barbara) of Indianapolis, seven adoring grandchildren, and a bunch of favorite nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted at the Garrett United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 30, at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be at D.O. McComb Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, on Friday, January 29, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Memorials should be directed to the Garrett United Methodist Church's Building Fund.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Herbert Donat

WATERLOO — Herbert Lee Donat, 81, died Tuesday, Jan, 26, 2010, at his home in Waterloo.

Herbert worked for Dana Corporation in Auburn for 30 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of DAV and the Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Herb was born in South Bend on July 3, 1928, to Cleo and Anna Gertrude (Thomas) Donat. He married Joan Days Hurd on Dec. 30, 1961. She died Nov. 16, 2006.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, Troy and Carla Donat of Waterloo, Christine and Mark Gibson of Auburn, Gary Hurd of Fort Wayne, Karen and Randy Morton of Auburn and Sandra and Jay Kern of Waterloo; nine grandchildren, Luke Donat, Audrey Donat, Rachel Gibson, Lynsie Gibson, Erica Gibson, Isaac Gibson, Jacob Kern, Stephanie Kern and Kara Garman; and a brother and sister, Larry and Sandi Donat of Rome City and Doris and Russell Bailey of Farmland, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and three brothers, Ed Donat, Cleo Donat Jr. and Richard Donat.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 30, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo.

Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is 2 hours prior to the service Saturday from noon to 2 at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DAV or the Rome City American Legion.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 28, 2010, Thursday

Leona Huber

LAGRANGE — Leona M. Huber, 80, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Huber was a homemaker.

Mrs. Huber

She had moved to LaGrange in 1953 from Sturgis, Mich.

Mrs. Huber was a member of the LaGrange 1st Church of God and LaGrange American Legion Post 215 Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born Sept. 30, 1929, in Three Rivers, Mich., to Claude Allen and Clara M. (Devoe) Jarratt. She married Harry J. "Bud" Huber on March 21, 1947, in Angola. He preceded her in death Sept. 27, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ann Christner of Centreville, Mich., and Barbara Jean and Melvin Beechy of Mesa, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Joyce Ward of Mena, Ark., Janet Boyce of Three Rivers, Mich., and Jewel Jean Jarratt of Tucson, Ariz.; and a brother, Carl Jarratt of Baton Rouge, La.

Also preceding her in death was her father, Claude Allen Jarratt; her mother, Clara M. Jarratt-Reed; her stepfather, Edson Reed; two daughters, Laura Mae Yoquelet and Jean Ann Huber; a sister, Betty Sue Jarratt; and three brothers, Duane, Donald and Marvin Jarrett.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Annie Manning

EDON, Ohio — Annie Elizabeth Manning, 88, of Edon, Ohio, died at 3:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2010, in her home.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Kevin Boulis and Pastor Paul Collins officiating. Interment will follow at the Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials in the name of Annie Elizabeth Manning may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Charles Peterson

ATTICA — Charles Edward "Pete" Peterson, 91, of Attica died Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, in the VA Illiana Healthcare System in Danville, Ill.

Mr. Peterson

Mr. Peterson was a lifetime Attica resident and had attended Attica High School.

He had been a core maker at Harrison Steel Castings in Attica and had owned and operated Peterson's Bakery in Attica. He had also served as the chef at the Attica Hotel for many years.

Mr. Peterson was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 52 in Attica.

He was born Aug. 10, 1918, in Attica to Edward and Edna Fox Peterson. He married Carolyn Watkins on Sept. 19, 1941, at the Attica Christian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Nancy (Larry) Durbin of Newtown, Ill., Mark (Sally) Peterson of Kendallville, Diane (Sharon Mann) Peterson of Deltona, Fla., and Ron Peterson of Winter Springs, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Joe Peterson; a granddaughter, Teresa Kochell Westwater; a great-granddaughter, McKenzie Meade; two sisters, his twin Helen Pearson and Josephine Williams; and two brothers, William R. "Bill" Peterson and Arthur Peterson.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26 at the Maus Funeral Home in Attica. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Attica.

Memorials are to VFW Post 3318 in Attica.

On line condolences may be sent to www.mausfuneralhome.com

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Robert Owens

LIGONIER — Robert Owens, 69, of Ligonier died Thursday, January 28, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Owens had worked in the manufactured home industry for more than 30 years.

He had moved to the Ligonier area in 1972 and had lived in Columbus, Ind., from 1962 to 1972.

Mr. Owens

Mr. Owens enjoyed spending time with his grandsons and his family whom he loved dearly.

He was born October 5, 1940, in Leburn, Kentucky, to Keen and Esther (Reynolds) Owens. He married Judy Hall in 1962 and she died in 1972.

Surviving are a son, Robert Brian and Janelle Owens of LaOtto; grandsons, Alex Paul and Connor Robert, at home in LaOtto; his mother, Esther Owens of Ligonier; a sister, Gladys Shepherd of Ligonier;and two brothers, Keenis and Linda Owens of Ligonier and Buford and Mavis Owens of Stanton, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judy in 1972 and his father Keen in 1952.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at Hindman Funeral Home, 619 Hindman Bypass, Hindman, Kentucky. Burial will be in the Hall Family Cemetery at the Mouth of Trace in Knott County, Kentucky.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, January 30, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Indiana, and Monday, February 1, 2010, from 6-9 p.m. at Hindman Funeral Home, 619 Hindman Bypass, Hindman, Kentucky.

Memorial contributions are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

Dorothy Curtis

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy O. Curtis, age 87, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Mrs. Curtis was born in LaGrange County, Indiana, on May 6, 1922, to the late Clyde and Belle (Case) Garlets.

She married Harold Everett Curtis on June 30, 1951, in Rome City.

Survivors include her spouse, Harold Curtis of Kendallville; a daughter, Jacqueline L. Feller of Kendallville; two grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by son, Jerry Himes in July 1970, and her sister, Katherine Sybesma.

No funeral services are scheduled.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Services in care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Margaret Snaufer

FORT WAYNE — Margaret A. Snaufer, 87, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday,,Jan. 27, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Snaufer had been a nurse in Springfield, Ohio, for several years.

She was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church on Stellhorn Road.

Mrs. Snaufer

Mrs. Snaufer was a native of Urbana, Ohio.

Surviving are her sons, Ronald (Joan) Snaufer and Andy Snaufer, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Becky (Wayne) Purdy of Pendleton, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Snaufer; her father, Harold Hubbard; and a sister, Betty Bean.

Funereal services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Messiah Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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A. Duane Mireley

HOWE — A. Duane Mireley, 84, of Howe died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Mireley moved from Illinois to Howe in 1927.

Mr. Mireley

He was a farmer and also had worked for 25 years at Campbell's Mushroom Farm in Howe.

Mr. Mireley was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church, LaGrange County Farm Bureau, and was active in the LaGrange County 4-H Association where he was a former 4-H Director and a former superintendent of both the Swine Barn and the 4-H Auction.

He was born on July 11, 1925, in Harman, Ill., to Lester H. and Rebecca (Hess) Mireley. He married Idonna R. Boggs on Jan. 28, 1951, in LaGrange. Mrs. Mireley preceded him in death on Dec. 29, 2009.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Ron Kauffman of Howe and Laura and Dennis Kratz of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Connie Mireley and Kenneth and Cindy Mireley all of Howe; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Alberta Seelig of LaGrange.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Ruth Sherman and Dorothy Mireley; and a brother, William Harold Mireley.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at LaGrange First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to LaGrange First United Methodist Church or LaGrange County 4-H Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ryan Hamilton

CHURUBUSCO — Ryan E. Hamilton, 34, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc., 2869 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net

John Chupp

GOSHEN — John Chupp, 89, Goshen died at 3:35 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at his residence.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Elmer Wingard residence, 61991 C.R. 43, Goshen, with burial in Southeast Clinton Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the Earl Lambright residence (across the road from the home place).

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Anderson

HUDSON — Dorothy L. Anderson, 91, of Hudson died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stroh Church of Christ, 4540S C.R. 1100W, Hudson, in rural Stroh.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the church and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Annie Manning

EDON, Ohio — Annie Elizabeth Manning, age 88, of Edon, Ohio, died at 3:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, in her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Manning was a homemaker and an avid quilter.

She enjoyed canning, making apple butter and gardening.

Annie Elizabeth Manning was born on April 21, 1921, in McComas, West Virginia, the daughter of William Henry and Mary Jane (Spencer) Purdy. She married Charlie H. Manning on January 20, 1944, in Princeton, West Virginia, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Manning is survived by her children, Jimmy (Joyce) Purdy, Sr., of Auburn, Indiana, Terry (Juanita) Manning, David (Emma) Manning, and Brenda (Dick) Trausch, all of Edon, Ohio, Jalyne (Patrick) McCann, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Vicki Mumaw, of Montpelier, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, EllaMae Manning, of Gold Bond, Virginia, and Pearl Purdy, of Princeton, West Virginia.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband, were three brothers, two sisters and one great-great-grandchild, Colin Joe Burkhard.

Visitation for Annie Elizabeth Manning will be today, Friday, January 29, 2010, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2010, in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with Pastor Kevin Boulis and Pastor Paul Collins officiating. Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery.

Memorials in the name of Annie Elizabeth Manning may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 29, 2010, Friday

Shirley Hollopeter

ALBION — Shirley Celeste Hollopeter, age 75, died in her Albion home January 25, 2010, at 1:30 p.m.

She was born on January 17, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois, to John M. and Rose C. (Heywood) Auld. She has been in the Noble County area for the past 62 years.

She married Willard E. Hollopeter on November 6, 1951, at the Albion Methodist Church in Albion.

She was a homemaker for her life's work. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Willard Hollopeter of Albion; sons, Mark Hollopeter of Albion and Craig (Debra) Hollopeter of Warsaw; a daughter, Pamela Hale; a brother, John and Sheri Auld of Albion; a sister, Judy and Kent Henson of Estill Springs, Tennessee; grandchildren, Dawn (Matt) Nichols, Regina (Jay) Lortie, Patrick Hale, Ryan (Kim) Hollopeter, Benjamin Hollopeter, Courtney Hollopeter, Brittney Hollopeter, Nicholas Hollopeter, Zachary Hollopeter, Christopher Hollopeter and Tiffany Hollopeter; and great-grandchildren, Desiree and Devin Nichols, Keira Lortie, Lillian Hollopeter and Jesse Allen.

Nieces and nephews surviving are Greg Henson, Suzanne Singleton, Lisa Kronce, Ty Copeland, Scott Copeland, Michael McFeeters, Scott McFeeters, Rose Brown, Rhonda Dean, Janene Kruse, Michelle Bellinger, Krista Roseongle and Karlea Cook.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Hollopeter; a daughter, Debra Lynn Hollopeter; her parents; and a sister, Margaret McFeeters.

Memorial services will be Monday, February 1, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Memorial calling will be from 5-7 Sunday evening and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Refreshments will be served following the memorial service at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Cremation has taken place.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Lois Rawski

TOLEDO, Ohio — Lois J. Rawski, age 74, formerly of Toledo and Fremont, Ind., passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2010, in Serenity Gardens of Sylvania.

She was born on January 20, 1936, in Toledo, Ohio, to John and Helen (Tobianski) Schmidt.

Lois was employed as an L.P.N. at the Toledo Clinic for 23 years, retiring in 1992.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she enjoyed gardening and was a talented musician who played and taught the accordion. She was also a competition skater in her younger days.

Lois is survived by her loving husband of over 52 years, Eugene L. Rawski of Fremont, Ind.; her children, William (Jinger) Rawski of Jasper, Mich., Karen (Scott) Poltar of Columbus, Ohio, and Linda (Vernon) Boling of West Virginia; her grandchildren, Will (Jamie) Rawski, Trevor and Brent Boling, and Zack and Emily Poltar; and great-grandchildren, Jordan and Joelle Rawski.

Family and friends may visit on Sunday from 4-7 p.m. in the Sujkowski Funeral Home Northpointe, 114-128 E. Alexis Road in Toledo.

Funeral services will begin on Monday at 9:15 a.m. in the funeral home and continue with the funeral Mass in St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sylvania, at 10 a.m. Interment will take place at a later date in Toledo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Please view and share condolences and memories at www.sujkowski.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 30, 2010, Saturday

Ronald Wells

FORT WAYNE — Ronald D. Wells, 80, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2010, at Isla Blanca Park, South Padre Island, Texas.

Mr. Wells

Born in Flint, Ind., Ronald worked as a computer operator with International Harvester for 35 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Wells of Fort Wayne; son, Ronald (Cindy) Wells Jr. of Orange Beach, AL; daughter, Charlene Bredemeyer of Fort Wayne; his grandchildren, Jennifer (Matthew) Runyan, Timothy Bredemeyer, Zachary Wells and Kyle Wells; his great-grandson, Ashton Bredemeyer; a sister, Noreen Jones of Dallas, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Ronald was preceded in death by his brothers, Carlton and Lavon "Bud" Wells.

Funeral services are at 12:30 p.m. today, Saturday, Jan. 30, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Norm Conklin will officiate.

Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Dorothy Anderson

HUDSON — Dorothy Lucille Anderson, 91, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Anderson

She was born on Sept. 21, 1918, to Henry and Minnie (Habig) Schultz in Tustin, Michigan. She married Robert L. Anderson on Dec. 5, 1936, and he died on Dec. 3, 2002, after 66 years of marriage.

She was a homemaker and worked on the family dairy farm.

She loved gardening, cooking, eating out, working in her many flower beds, traveling and collecting rocks.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Keith Young of Pleasant Lake and Vicki and Jeff Baltes of LaGrange; a son, Gary Anderson of Hudson; a son-in-law, Bill Byrne of Angola; 10 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Sherri Anderson in 1960 and Kathy (Lash) Byrne in 2006; a foster son, Chuck Rowlison; a sister, Voneta Stohlman; and a brother, Dale Schultz.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Stroh Church of Christ, 4540S C.R. 1100W, Hudson, in rural Stroh, with Mike Hamm officiating.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the church and one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Services of Northern Indiana, 425 N. Michigan, Suite 308, South Bend, IN 46601 or to the Stroh Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Ringler

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald G. Ringler, 78, of Wolcottville died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Ringler was a lifetime Wolcottville resident and a lifetime farmer. He had also worked at Machine-Rite in LaGrange from 1966 until 1996.

He was a 1950 graduate of Wolcottville High School.

Mr. Ringler was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in rural Wolcottville and was a current member of the Pastor/Parrish Committee. He had served on numerous other committees at the church.

He was born on April 27, 1931, in LaGrange County to Francis W. "Frank" and Laura H. (Sailors) Ringler. He married Evelyn VanWagner on Oct. 28, 1951, in LaGrange. She survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sheri Ringler of Wolcottville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory A. and Marcia Ringler and Bradley S. and Sandra Ringler, all of Wolcottville, Brent Michael and Sherry Ringler of LaBelle, Fla., and Steven P. and Holly Ringler of Brownsburg; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Busk of Reed City, Mich.

Preceding him in death were his parents; five sisters, Violet Wood, Nila Burkey, Elna Miller, Laura Bowdish and Joan Rossman; and six brothers, Harold, Homer, Chancey, Carl, Warren and Paul Ringler.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, 4860 S. C.R. 450E, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

George Cochard

FORTVILLE — George C. Cochard, 92, of Fortville died Monday, Jan. 25, 2010, at Scottsdale Osborn Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Seals Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Fortville, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be at Park Cemetery at Greenfield.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association

Online condolences may sent to www.sealsfuneralhome.com.

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John Hagerty

LAGRANGE — John W. "Wally" Hagerty, 69, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Hagerty moved to LaGrange from Valparaiso in 1991.

He worked for the Valparaiso School District in Valparaiso in the maintenance department and as a school bus driver from 1977 until 2001.

He began driving school buses for Lakeland School Corp. in 2001 and was currently serving as a bus driver for Lakeland.

Mr. Hagerty was a member of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church in rural Wolcottville, a 47-year member of the Moose Lodge and a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

Mr. Hagerty was born on March 13, 1940, in Valparaiso to Chester E. and Anna Lea (Alt) Hagerty. They precede him in death. He married Sherron D. Bagley on Sept. 25, 1982. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Christanna and John Eshleman of Houston, Texas; three sons and two daughters-in-law, John R. and Amy Hagerty of Port Charlotte, Fla., Michael Hagerty of Reno, Nev., and Jason and Sherry Hagerty of Frenchtown, N.J.; two stepsons, Charles Wilson of Lake Charles, La., and Alan Wilson of Valparaiso; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Thomas Hagerty of Irvine, Calf.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, 4860 S. C.R. 450 E, Wolcottville with the Rev. Frederick Cain officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso, Ind.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marceille Mitchell

NAPOLEON, Ohio — Marceille I. Mitchell, 90, of Kendallville, Ind., and formerly of Napoleon, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010, at the Lutheran Life Villages of Kendallville.

Mrs. Mitchell had resided at the Lamplighter in Kendallville for several years before moving to the nursing home.

She had retired from the Campbell Soup Co. at Napoleon in 1979.

Mrs. Mitchell had attended the Church of Christ, Weston, Ohio.

She was born June 9, 1919, in Meadville, Pa., to Lester L. and Dorothy L. (Wells) Boulton. She married Robert Hyter in 1935 and they later divorced. She then married Lloyd Mitchell in 1947. Both men preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald P. (Micki) Hyter of Morrisville, Tenn., and Bernard "Butch" (Bonnie) Hyter of Grand Rapids, Ohio; three daughters, Marilu (Duane) Schoonover of San Diego, Calif., and Rose Mitchell and Alice (William) Wink, all of Kendallville, Ind.; 11 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lawrence Boulton of Montgomery, Michigan.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Charles Hyter; a daughter, Dorothy Fahrer; and a brother, Arthur Boulton.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Walker Mortuary, Napoleon, Ohio. Interment will be in Riverview Memory Gardens, rural Defiance County, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

On line condolences may be made at www.walkermortuary.us.com.

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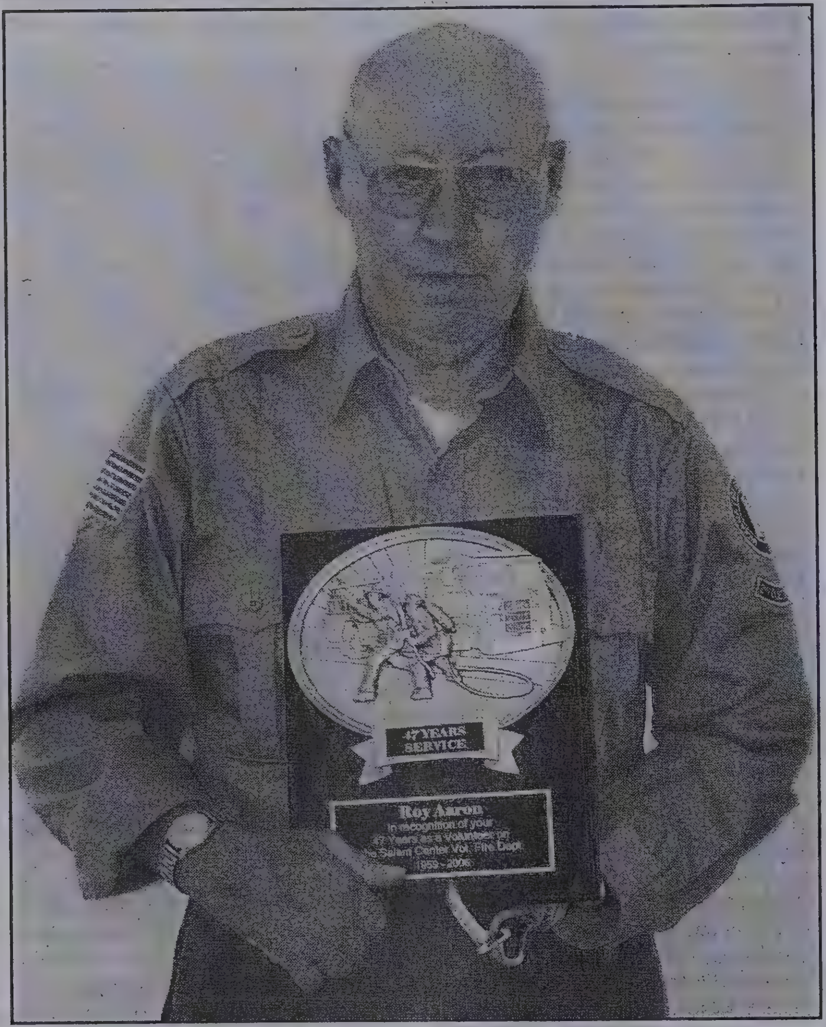
Dedication was Roy Aaron's style



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Roy Aaron served for more than 50 years with the Salem Center Volunteer Fire Department, including time spent as chief.

> *"He was kind of the rock of the family"*
>
> **Janet Kain**
> Roy Aaron's daughter

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BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Roy Aaron was the personification of both dedication and a strong work ethic.

Aaron, who died Jan. 18, spent 51 years on the Salem Center Fire Department, much of that time running his own contracting business, and spent much of that time without the use of one arm.

"He lost it in October of 1956," wife Kathryn Aaron said. "He got into the fire department after he lost his arm. He adapted to it. He would always say that he could light a firecracker in his hook and hold onto it. 'No one else could do that,' he'd say." She said he would also be playful with it. "He was always giving guys a pinch on the butt with his hook," she noted.

After the two married in 1952, Aaron started an excavation and construction business. His son, Jim, said his father got to be friends with a good number of people through his work.

"He'd do basements, installed septic systems, he dug county ditches," Jim said. "He got to know quite a few different people doing that work with different contractors over the years.

In the early part of the '90s Aaron sold his business and went to work for the Indiana Department of Transportation, serving as district foreman in Steuben, LaGrange and Noble counties.

"He didn't have any problem doing that," Kathryn said. "It's a good bunch of guys up there."

Longtime friend Terry Bailey said despite his hard work, Aaron always had time to help someone out.

"He helped me out a lot on the farm, just as a friend," Bailey said. "After he got to the point where he'd retired, he'd be over more often."

Jim said several men came by the house at one point to convince his father to join the Salem fire department. Once he got started, it became a significant part of his life.

"Once, I remember, I was probably 11 or 12, we had a silo fire, with multiple departments called in. He spent all weekend getting people moving, trying to get a regular rotation to get the fire out," he said.

He also worked to get others involved in the department.

"I followed shortly after him," Kathryn said. "I was one of the first responders. He'd drive me out to every run."

Bailey also said he became involved in the fire company at the urging of his friend, adding, "He was very passionate. He made as many runs as he could. If there ever was something he could do, he would be there."

Jim said his father did his best to make as many runs as he could, and did his best to stay involved, even after he wasn't physically up to fighting fires. "They always needed someone to drive the truck," he said. "Later still, he'd be out bringing refreshments, or air bottles. He'd still be active in whatever he could do."

He was that way at home, too, daughter Janet Kain said.

"Dad always had a saying for everything," Kain said. "But the one he said most was 'Do as I say, not as I do.' The time I cherish the most was talking with him in Florida. He was kind of the rock of the family. I could always go to him, he was always there. You could never sneak in at night. And his hook was always an intimidator. None of my boyfriends ever wanted to come in and meet my dad."

Kathryn said her husband would even step out of some of his comfort zone when he needed to.

"Ten years ago, we took a whole month in our camper and went to Yellowstone with another couple," she recalled. "He didn't like the high mountains and narrow roads we were on, he wouldn't climb, and he hated snakes. But he enjoyed it."

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Dorothy Ramsey

LAGRANGE — Dorothy F. Ramsey, 91, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Ramsey had lived in LaGrange since 1960, moving from Clinton, Ill.

Mrs. Ramsey worked in the kitchens at the LaGrange Hospital and at Parkside Elementary School in LaGrange. She was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church, Ruth Circle at the church, and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of Eastern Star in LaGrange.

Mrs. Ramsey

She was born Feb. 1, 1918, in Clinton, Ill., to Robert and Anna N. (Welch) Reynolds.

She married Lyle J. Houchin in 1939 in Missouri and he preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 1945. She married John R. Ramsey on July 1, 1946, in Champaign, Ill., and he preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Jean Pearson of Shipshewana, Nancy Gregory of Clinton and Brenda and Eric Lewis of Chase, Mich.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Marie Jackson and Jerry and Rose Reynolds all of Clinton, and Scott and Dianne Ramsey of Sarasota, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; a brother, William Reynolds of Clinton; and a sister-in-law, Clara Bennett of Greensboro, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two grandsons, a great-grandson, four brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Denise Heller officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home with an Order of Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to LaGrange First United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left at fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Roger Hadley

WOODBURN — Roger W. Hadley, 84, of Woodburn, died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Woodburn United Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Rd., Woodburn with Pastor Susan Smith-Bryden officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven, and one hour prior to services at the church Friday. Memorials are to the church.

David Provines

AUBURN — David Provines, 75 of Auburn died Friday Jan. 29, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Provines worked for the Auburn Foundry for 20 years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Auburn Nazarene Church.

He was born March 9, 1934, in Auburn to Frank and Josephine (Faylor) Provines. They preceded him in death.

He married Deanna Rohm on July 14, 1957, in Auburn and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Provines of Auburn, a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Jack Pfierman of Auburn and a grandson, Causta Lewis of Auburn.

Graveside services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with Pastor Greg Krafft officiating.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Nazarene Church.

Alva Rowe

GARRETT — Alva M. Rowe, 91, of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 29, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett. There will be no services. Arrangements are by Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

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Norbert Deuitch

GARRETT — Norbert L. Deuitch, 93, of Garrett, died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born Feb. 3, 1916, in Garrett, to Henry and Mary Loretta (Long) Deuitch.

On Oct. 8, 1937, in Garrett, he married Lois E. Burtch. She died March 6, 2001.

He was a conductor on the B&O Railroad for over 30 years.

Mr. Deuitch was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett Eagles. He volunteered at the Garrett Recycling Center and RSVP and was a past recipient of the Garrett Citizen of the Year Award.

Surviving are a son, Nelson Deuitch of Toronto, Canada; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a daughter, Vicki Clabaugh; a son, Norman Deuitch; eight brothers, John, Richard, Robert, Carl, Walter, Donald, Bernard and Jack Deuitch; and a sister, Anna Katherine Nichols.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Andy Deuitch officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 2, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to the First Church of Christ in Garrett or St. Martin's Health Care Services.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jane Killian

MIDDLEBURY — Jane Ann (Niles) Killian, 79, of Middlebury died at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at her residence.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

John Vinogradov

CHURUBUSCO — John Vinogradov, 72, of rural Churubusco died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at the family residence.

Calling will be at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, Tuesday from 6-8 p. m. There will be no services.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Mary Albergo

LAGRANGE — Mary N. Albergo, 90, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Sherril Stout

LIGONIER — Sherril Stout, 74, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Patricia Hartman

ROME CITY — Patricia Ann Hartman, 81, of Rome City died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

She and her husband, Ralph, had owned Bailey's Tavern in LaOtto and The Anchor Inn in Rome City.

Mrs. Hartman

She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

She was born June 23, 1928, in Fort Wayne. She married Ralph P. Hartman on Feb. 14, 1969, in Grabill. He preceded her in death June 29, 2004.

Surviving are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Mike and Etta Voltz of Fort Wayne, Robert and Cory Voltz of Fairlawn, Ohio, Max Voltz of Rome City, Donald and Jenny Hartman of Anderson, and Richard and Cindy Hartman of Fremont; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville with Father Bernard Ramenaden of St. Gaspar Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Effiebel McCann

AUBURN — Effiebel McCann, 91, formerly of St. Joe, Ind., died Monday at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

She retired from being Postmistress of St. Joe and was the oldest member of St. Mark Lutheran Church and was past president of the DeKalb County Home Extension Club.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1918, in St. Joe, Ind., to the late Glenwood and Emma Jane (Wineland) Freeburn. She married Donald R. "Abie" McCann on Nov. 28, 1934, in Auburn, Ind. He preceded her in death on April 11, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandra Krafft of St. Joe; two grandsons, Kim (Deb) Krafft of St. Joe, Ind., and Chris (Judy) Krafft of St. Joe, Ind.; four great-grandchildren, Caramee, Benjamin, Ethan and Nate; a sister, Ethel Haverstock of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a brother, Glen Freeburn Jr. of Auburn, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David R. McCann; two brothers, Richard and Charles Freeburn; and a son-in-law, William "Ben" Krafft.

Calling will be held on Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in St Joe, Ind., with Merle Holder officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe, Ind.

Memorials are to St. Mark Lutheran Church, P.O Box 345 St. Joe, IN 46785 or St. Joe Church of Christ, P.O. Box 285 St. Joe, IN 46785.

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Rhonda Jump

BUTLER — Rhonda Lea' Jump, age 45, of Butler died on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana.

She was born in Fort Wayne on September 14, 1964, to John M. and Carol E. (Blain) Jump.

Miss Jump

She graduated from Snider High School in 1982.

Rhonda was a waitress and a bookkeeper who enjoyed making other people happy.

She loved animals, listening to George Strait and country music.

Rhonda also loved watching movies, reading books and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her parents, John and Carol Jump of Turkey Lake, Hudson; her fiance, Jeff Miller of Butler; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rene'e and Mark Wentz of New Haven, Rae' and John Hollis of Plainfield, Illinois, and Rachael and Matt Wells of Angola; nieces and nephews, Keegan, Langleigh, Dreyer, Chapin, and Quinn Wentz; Seth, Samantha, Sophie Tummillo and Sawyer See; and Gavin Schade; and her dog, Daisy and her cat, Elsie.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church rural Hudson with a memorial funeral service at 4 p.m.

Officiating the memorial service will be the Rev. James Elsner.

Preferred memorials may be made to Allen County SPCA,4914 Hanna St., Fort Wayne, IN 46806 or to the family.

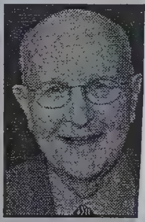
Funeral services are in care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, Indiana

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Roger Hadley

WOODBURN — Roger W. Hadley, 84, of Woodburn died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Hadley was a lifetime farmer and retired in 1983 after 37 years with REA Magnet Wire Corp.


Mr. Hadley

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Hadley was an active member of the Woodburn United Methodist Church and the Woodburn Lions Club.

He had received several honorary commendations from the FFA.

Born in Poe, he was the son of Ray and Ermal Hadley.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Gladys Hadley of Woodburn; his children, Sharon (Louis) Ehinger of Charleston, S.C., Roger (Vickie J.) Hadley II and Vicki (John) Hostetler, all of Woodburn, Sandra (Greg) Emenhiser of Monroeville, Gail (Ben) Hadley-Goggin of Mechanicsville, Va. Mary (Dan) Meyer of New Haven, Wanda (Michael) Erwin of Waterloo, and Curtis (Michelle) Hadley of Wingate, Ind.; his brothers, Gene Hadley of Fort Wayne and Robert Hadley of Lebanon; 42 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Maya Smith; a sister, Alice Krinn; and brothers, Sam and John Hadley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Woodburn United Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Road, Woodburn with Pastor Susan Smith-Bryden officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930E., New Haven, and one hour prior to the services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.Harper-funeralhome.com.

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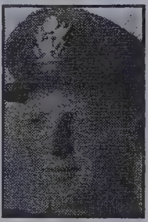
Melvin Schendel

GARRETT — Melvin L. "Red" Schendel, 89, of Garrett died on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Schendel

He was born June 7, 1920 in Fairmont, MN, to Leo and Laura (Gilman) Schendel. He married Eileen L. Haffner on February 14, 1948, in Garrett and she died March 15, 2005.

Melvin was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force having served during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge from the service, he became a Letter Carrier for the U.S. Postal Service where he worked for 35 years before retiring in 1980.

He then worked as a Security Guard at Auburn Gear for the past 25 years.

He was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett American Legion. He also was a Past President of the Garrett Lions Club. He was an avid Tuesday Bridge player for over 40 years.

Melvin is survived by a son and daughter in-law, Jeff and Mary Schendel of Garrett; a daughter and son in-law, Greg and Ann Cochran of Auburn; six grandsons, Beau, Bryce and Brett Schendel and Logan, Landon and Brennan Cochran; and a sister, Loretta Musser of St. Joe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and three brothers.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, with military graveside honors by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomas funeral-home.org

THE NEWS SUN
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February 3, 2010, Wednesday

Mary Albergo

LAGRANGE — Mary N. Albergo, 90, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 10:15 a.m. Saturday at Cumberland Chapel Funeral Home, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, Ill. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in River Grove, Ill.

Calling will be from 3-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Marjorie Bricker

LAGRANGE — Marjorie E. Bricker, 97, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Howe United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Howe United Methodist Church.

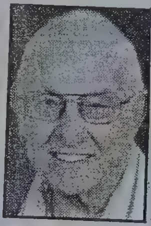
Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Hubert Reinoehl

ST. JOE — Hubert R. Reinoehl, 84, passed away a 12:10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Hubert was born on June 3, 1925, in rural Waterloo to Charlie and Mary (Benjamin) Reinoehl. He graduated from Ashley High School in 1943.


Mr. Reinoehl

Hubert was employed by Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler for 36 years as a tool and die maker, retiring in 1990.

He loved sports, especially bowling and golfing.

He was a member of the Christ Church at Butler.

Hubert married Virginia Harness on February 2, 1946, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Tonya Reinoehl of Corunna and Dennis and Leann Reinoehl of Carmel, Ind.; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Carlyle Holman of St. Joe; six grandchildren, Eric and Lynn Reinoehl of Auburn, Matthew and Shaw Reinoehl of Fort Wayne, Brent Holman of Chicago, Brad and Beth Holman of St. Joe, Steve and Christine List of Carmel and Benjamin Reinoehl of Carmel; two great-grandchildren, Molly and Dax Holman; three sisters, Beth Drew of Auburn, Alice Berry of Ashley and Nina and Ray Carter of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gene and Everett Reinoehl; and a sister, Minnie Provines.

Funeral services for Hubert Reinoehl will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Eastside Foundation.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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February 3, 2010, Wednesday

Rev. Marcus Proehl

ANGOLA — Rev. Marcus L. "Bill" Proehl, 79, passed away on February 1, 2010. He was born, March 7, 1930, to parents Marcus Elrose and Myrtle Trowbridge in Flint, Michigan.

Rev. Proehl

He was raised by his mother Myrtle and stepfather Perry Waite. He graduated high school in Flint, Indiana.

Marcus entered the Marines not long after graduation and shortly after, on October 28, 1950, he married his wife, Beverly L. (Musser) Proehl. Three children were born to them, Marcus A. and his wife Susan Proehl of Mooresville, Indiana; Debra K. and Jim Prock of Danville, IN and Steven P. Proehl. Their son Steven preceded them in death in 1968.

His wife, Beverly, preceded him in death on April 19, 2005.

Marcus has six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

After leaving the Marines, Marcus soon dedicated his life to the Lord. He started his ministry at South Scott as a youth pastor. It didn't take long for him to become a full time pastor. He built Calvary Temple and the Carpenter Shop in Angola and the journey continued. He was an accomplished carpenter who not only built many homes but also several churches. Some of the churches were built on the mission field. He had a heart for missions and it showed in his giving.

Marcus also loved to fly. He loved to paint and play the trumpet. Everyone who know Marcus "Bill" also knew he loved to invent things. His mind never stopped. The one thing he loved the most though was the Word of God. He read his Bible completely through 116 times. He started his day with the Word and ended his day with the Word and talking to God. His faith was unshakable and his love for God was amazing. I do know if he had one wish granted to him it would be that everyone would serve and love the Lord. He lived by example and was a rock that many depended on. He truly was a great man and will be missed so much.

Everyone who knew Marcus (Bill) would often hear him say, "man, I've had a wonderful life." That he did and now it's even more wonderful.

Services will be Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Temple Pentecostal Church, 400 E. Henry St., Angola, Indiana, with the Rev. Carl Bachelor officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 5, 2010, at the church. Memorials will be the gift of a Bible to the Gideons International, P.O. Box 251, Angola, IN 46703.

Send condolences to the family at weichtfh.com

Arrangements handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Barbara Romero

FORT WAYNE — Barbara Lou (Houser) Romero, 75, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Romero

A native and lifetime resident of Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker and the greatest cook that God ever created.

She was "a loving and kind woman that the world will miss, now at peace in the kingdom of heaven."

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Frederic L. Romero of Fort Wayne; a son, Steve Vachon of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Liesa (Gary) Hunter of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Randall L. Romero of Fort Wayne and Scott (Laurie) Romero of Fremont; her grandchildren, Ashley and Haley Hunter; a brother, Glenn (Ramona) Houser of Zanesville; and a brother-in-law, Richard (Jonella) Romero of Ventura, Calif.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Helen Houser.

Service is at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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February 3, 2010, Wednesday

Emily Dingus

GARRETT — Emily Katelynn Dingus, 2 months, died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Private services will take place on Friday at Thomas Funeral Home with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneralhome.org

A full obituary will be printed Thursday.

Retha Conrad

FORT WAYNE — Retha M. Conrad, 97, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.

Private family services will be held in Fort Wayne.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Jolly

ANGOLA — Ruby M. Jolly, 84, of Angola and formerly of Fremont died Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Jolly had retired in 1990 after 22 years as a chef at the Holiday Inn.

She graduated from high school in New Madrid, Mo. She moved to Steuben County in 1963 from Missouri.

Mrs. Jolly

She was born Oct. 10, 1925, in Linda, Mo., to Roy and Eva Smith. She married Charles V. Jolly in 1945 and he preceded her in death on August 6, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Roy Jolly of Pleasant Lake and Ward Jolly of Angola; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roger Jolly, and a daughter, Marcella Schaftner.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Frances Conkle

GARRETT — Frances J. Conkle, 92, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died at 4:21 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Sycamore Glen's Healthcare Center in Miamisburg.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting thomasfuneralhome.org

A full obituary will be printed Thursday.

THE NEWS SUN
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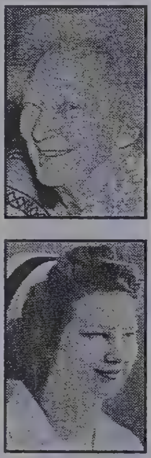
February 3, 2010, Wednesday

Carolyn Mallette

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Carolyn Jean Mallette, age 87, of Fort Collins, Colorado, died January 30, 2010, at Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland, Colo.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Fort Collins with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 5450 S. Lemay Ave., Fort Collins. Following a luncheon, interment will be in Grandview Cemetery.


Mrs. Mallette

Carolyn Jean Stoldt was born July 30, 1922, in Orland, Indiana, to Harry and Ellen Stoldt. She moved to Jackson, Michigan, where she began nursing training at Foote Hospital, graduating in 1944. On September 17, 1955, Carolyn married Joseph "Dick" Mallette in Jackson and together they had four children.

They moved to Arizona soon after they were married and also lived formerly in Washington and California before settling in Colorado. She retired from active nursing in 1990 while working at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colo., but always remained a nurse at heart and in her actions. From the time she was 10 years old, Carolyn wanted to be a nurse because she wanted to help make and keep people well.

Carolyn was a longtime member and participant in the Catholic Church, but was only recently confirmed in the faith, an accomplishment she had always prayed for. In addition to her faith and her nursing, Carolyn's hobby was caring for and spending time with her family. Close behind her family was her love of sports, especially Bronco's football and Rockie's baseball.

Carolyn, who also goes by "Pete" to many of her family, is survived by her children, Nanette (and Ron) Scott of Apache Junction, Ariz., Suzette Mallette, and Rick and Tim Mallette, all of Fort Collins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick, who died in November of 2006 and her three sisters, Willadean Asher, Lillian Wilkening and Beverly Shaffer.

She is also survived by a brother-in-law, Alvin Shaffer of Orland, Indiana, and one grandson, Richard Scott.

Please go to www.goesfuneralcare.com to sign the guestbook and express your own thoughts and memories of Carolyn.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 3, 2010, Wednesday

Shirley Celeste Hollopeter, 75

ALBION - Shirley Celeste Hollopeter Age 75, died in her Albion home Jaunary 25, 2010 at 1:30 pm.

She was born on January 17, 1935 in Chicago, Illinois to John M. and Rose C. (Heywood) Auld. She has been in the Noble county area for the past 62 years.

She married Willard E. Hollopeter on November 6, 1951 at the Albion Methodist Church in Albion. She was a homemaker for her life's work. She was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Surviving are her husband of 58 years, Willard Hollopeter of Albion; two sons, Mark Hollopeter of Albion, Craig (Debra) Hollopeter of Warsaw, a daughter, Pamela Hale; brother, John (Sheri) Auld of Albion, sister Judy (Kent) Henson of Estill Springs, Tennessee; grandchildren, Dawn (Matt) Nichols, Regina (Jay) Lortie, Patrick Hale, Ryan (Kim) Hollopeter, Benjamin Hollopeter, Courtney Hollopeter, Brittney Hollopeter, Nicholas Hollopeter, Zachary Hollopeter, Christopher Hollopeter and Tiffany Hollopeter; great-grandchildren, Desiree and Devin Nichols, Keira Lortie, Lillian Hollopeter, and Jesse Allen; nieces and nephews surviving are Greg Henson, Suzanne Singleton, Lisa Kronce, Ty Copeland, Scott Copeland, Michael McFeeters, Scott McFeeters, Rose Brown, Rhonda Dean, Janene Kruse, Michelle Bellinger, Krista Rosenogle, and Karlea Cook.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Hollopeter, a daughter, Debra Lynn Hollopeter, and her parents and a sister Margaret Mc Feeters.

Memorial services were February 1, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Cremation followed.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Martina M. Torres, 72

COLUMBIA CITY - Martina M. Torres, 72, of Columbia City died at 5:00 a.m. Thursday, January 28, 2010 at her home.

She was born July 23, 1937 in Noble County, Indiana a daughter of Wilbur and Flora (Brown) Witt. Her formative years were spent in Wolf Lake. She attended Wolf Lake High School.

On April 17, 1985, she was united in marriage to Samuel R. Torres. They made their home in Columbia City.

She was employed by Alcoils, Columbia City for 18 years retiring in 1999. She was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Samuel; two step-sons, Rojelio (Kelly) Torres of Huntington and Rene (Vicki) Torres of Columbia City; a daughter-in-law, Sabrina Youngwolfe and four grandchildren, Jerod Wolfe, Josh Wolfe, Natasha Hilton and Nathaniel Garrison.

There was no visitation or funeral.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 3, 2010, Wednesday

Ryan E. Hamilton, 34

CHURUBUSCO – Ryan E. Hamilton, 34, a former resident of Churubusco and more recently of Fort Wayne, was pronounced dead on arrival on Thursday morning, January 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after being found unresponsive at his home.

Born in Bluffton on March 21, 1975, he was the son of Robert E. and Sandra J. (Lacoax) Hamilton.

He moved with his family to Churubusco from Uniondale in 1985, and graduated from Carroll High School in 1994.

For the past few years he had been employed by Anthony Wayne Services in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include his father and step-mother Robert E. and Etta Hamilton of Churubusco; his brother Chad Hamilton of Fort Wayne; two step-sisters Paula (Scott) Hunsberger of Churubusco and Erica (George) Gebhart of Albion; two grandmothers Pat Lacoax of Fort Wayne and Jane Hamilton of Bluffton; six nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his mother Sandra J. (Lacoax) Hamilton on January 25, 1991.

Funeral services were held February 1, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Paul Arnold, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiated.

Interment took place in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc., 2869 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46845.

Heather Martin, 24, and Mackie Manns III

LAGRANGE — Heather M. Martin, 24, and her son, Mackie Lee Manns III, both of LaGrange, died Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN, due to injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Heather was born on December 10, 1985, in Elkhart, IN, to Wesley and Renee (Livergood) Martin. They both survive in LaGrange, IN.

Mackie was born on January 26, 2010, in Fort Wayne, IN, to Mackie Lee Manns Jr. and Heather M. Martin. His father survives in Stroh, IN.

Heather lived most of her lifetime in LaGrange County, She was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School where she had played softball and golf.

She was an LPN at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Elkhart, IN.

Heather is also survived by her fiance, Mackie Lee Manns Jr. of Stroh; a sister, Jennifer Demerly of Stroh; and a nephew, Jack Demerly.

Also surviving Mackie are his maternal grandparents, Wesley and Renee Martin of LaGrange; paternal grandparents, Mackie and Pam Manns of Stroh; three aunts, Jennifer Demerly of Stroh, Joyce Cole of Albion, IN, and Mindy Manns of LaGrange, IN; and an uncle, Ricky Manns of Morehead, KY.

Funeral services for Heather and Mackie were held January 29, 2010, at the Stroh Church of Christ, in rural Stroh. Rev. James Bartlett officiated.

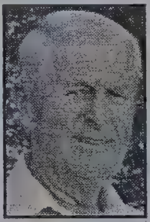
Memorials may be made to the Stroh Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 4, 2010, Thursday

Ervin Richman

WOLCOTTVILLE — Ervin A. "Erv" Richman, 74, of Big Long Lake and formerly of New Haven died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Richman

Mr. Richman was a brick mason and a foreman for Hagerman Construction, retiring in 1998.

He was a veteran of the Air National Guard and a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland.

Mr. Richman was a former director for the Big Long Lake Association.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Big Long Lake.

He was born in Jefferson Township, Allen County, to Joseph and Esther Richman.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Doris; four sons, Kirk (Renee) Richman of Hudson and Doug (Jennifer) Richman and Bruce (Tish) Richman, all of Churubusco, and Bob (Debbie) Richman of Mishawaka; three siblings, Donna Marquart of Monroeville, Weldon Richman of Hoagland and Norman Richman of New Haven; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Steve in 1981; and siblings, June Knefelkamp and Earl Richman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Louis Catholic Church — Besancon, 15535 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven, with a rosary at 8:30 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Masses.

Helen Benthine

EVANSVILLE — Helen Marie May Benthine, 94, of Evansville and formerly of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 at the Good Samaritan Home.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tom Buffington officiating.

Calling will be from 3 p.m. until services on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church of Mt. Vernon, IN.

Friends and family may leave condolences online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Linvell Singleton

STROH — Linvell Singleton, 84, of Stroh died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

Funeral services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Frances Conkle

GARRETT — Frances J. Conkle, 92, of Miamisburg, Ohio, and formerly of Garrett, died at 4:21 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Sycamore Glen's Healthcare Center in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Mrs. Conkle

Mrs. Conkle was a homemaker and member of the Altarstar United Methodist Church in rural Garrett.

She was born July 6, 1917, in Norwalk, Ohio, to Lee and Grace (Kime) Jennings. She married Kelham Conkle on Feb.13, 1938, in Dayton, Ohio. He died June 5, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter in-law, Frank and Donna Conkle of West Carrollton, Ohio; three daughters and sons in-law, Karen and Thomas Gibson of Los Angeles, Calif., Carol and James Lindsey of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Linda and Michael Chavez of San Antonio, Texas; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Lee Byron Jennings of Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Altarstar United Methodist Church.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
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February 4, 2010, Thursday

Stacy Wells

GARRETT — Stacy Allen Wells, 48, of Garrett, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009, in hospice care in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wells was a truck driver.

He was born to Lennis Wells and Ida Coney on Jan. 11, 1961. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Cory Wells, Justin Wells and Danielle Wells; one sister, Andrea Kruse; and two brothers, Len Wells and Steve Wells.

A celebration of life will be Saturday, Feb. 6, from 3-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1349 S. Randolph St., Garrett.

Emily Dingus

GARRETT — Emily Katelynn Dingus, 2 months, of Indianapolis died at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, at Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Nov. 10, 2009, in Indianapolis to Chester E. Dingus III and Rebecca (Bunn) Dingus. They survive in Indianapolis.

Also surviving is her twin brother, Nicholas Christian Dingus, of Indianapolis; her grandmothers, Bonnie Bunn of Acworth, Ga., and Diane Parker, Lakeland, Fla.; and her great-grandparents, Robert and Carol Sleek of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Thomas Bunn Sr. and Chester E. Dingus Jr.

Private services will take place on Friday at Thomas Funeral Home, with burial to follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

James Fuller

ELKHART — James E. Fuller, 63, of Elkhart died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at St. John's Health System in Anderson.

Mr. Fuller

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Billings Funeral Home, 812 Baldwin St., Elkhart. Burial will be in Adamsville Cemetery in Edwardsburg, Mich.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Herman Maurer

GARRETT — Herman L. Maurer, 71, of Garrett died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Maurer was a truck driver for United Technologies in Grabill for 30 years. He was also a lifetime Garrett farmer.

He was born Sept. 3, 1938, in Garrett to Oliver and Ilene (Johnson) Maurer. He married Bertha A. (Voges) Reinoehl on April 18, 1989, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Devon Kirkman of St. Joe; a daughter, Amy Kirkman of Butler; two stepdaughters and spouses, Susan and Brance Gibson of Auburn and Lisa and Jeff Snyder of Rome City; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Florence and Rich Outwater of Bronson, Mich., and Helen Savage of Bronson, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Elizabeth Maurer of Eagletown, Okla., and Wayne and Bonnie Maurer of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, John Maurer, Herbert Maurer and Wilbur Maurer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the funeral service Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Chicago Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave, Chicago, Il 60707-3392.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 5, 2010, Friday

Opal Hunt

SHELBYVILLE — Opal L. Hunt, 74, of Shelbyville died at 12:31 p.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Hunt had been employed by as a receptionist at Edward Jones for 10 years and at the Shelbyville News for several years. She had also volunteered for Major Hospital and Bennese Cancer Center.

She had lived in the Shelbyville are 45 years and prior to that had lived in Seymour. She was a 1953 graduate of Seymour High School.

Mrs. Hunt was a member of St. James Lutheran Church of Greenfield. She was also a member of Tri Kappa and the Red Hat Society.

Opal loved caring for anyone who was sick. She also enjoyed watching IU and the Colts on TV, volunteering for various organizations and spending time with her family and friends.

She was born July 8, 1935, in Seymour to Ed and Clara (Major) Stockman. She married Lester Hunt in October 1955. He died Feb. 5, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Roger Hunt of Shelbyville; a daughter, Karen (Steve) Keck of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Emily Hunt, Lindsay Hunt and Alison Keck; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Glenn E. George & Son Funeral Home, 437 Amos Road, Shelbyville, with Pastor Larry Gember officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Leslie Pepe

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — Leslie Edwin Pepe, 95, of Paradise Valley died Tuesday, Feb, 2, 2010, in Paradise Valley.

Mr. Pepe had been employed at International Harvester in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Chandler, Ariz., for more than 40 years.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was born in New Haven, Ind. on Sept. 10, 1914, to Amiel Pepe and Laura Lomont. He married Blanche Shoenle in 1939. She died in 1978. He then married Jane Brown in 1980 in Indiana. She died in 2009.

Surviving are five children, Arlene Boyer (Richard) of Scottsdale, Ariz., Janice Morell (Harmon) of Sun City, Ariz., Dennis Pepe (Penny) of Carlsbad, Calif., Larry Pepe (Joan) of Paradise Valley, Ariz., and Thomas Pepe; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 11300 N. 64th St., Scottsdale. A private burial will take place at a later date at the Valley of the Sun Cemetery in Chandler, Ariz.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Attn: Development - W, 2831 N. 31st Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85009.

Messinger Mortuary in Scottsdale is in charge of arrangements.

Linvell Singleton

STROH — Linvell Singleton, 84, of Stroh died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010.

Memorial graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Wright Cemetery at Hudson.

There is no calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 6, 2010, Saturday

Velma Maier

FORT WAYNE — Velma J. Maier, 78, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehab Center.

Mrs. Maier was a homemaker.

She was born Oct. 3, 1931, in Avilla to Walter and Lucille (Lemper) Weimer.

Surviving are her husband, Donald O. Maier; two daughters, Deb (Bruce) Christian and Donna (Mike) Pruzin; two sons, Mark (Gloria) Maier and Mike (Sue) Maier; a sister, Janet Kessler; four brothers, John (Joan) Weimer, Ron (Mary Lee) Weimer, Roger (Theresa) Weimer and David (Linn) Weimer; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Weimer.

Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Monday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday prior to the service.

Private burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Robert Shearer

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Shearer, 74, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Marine Corp. and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Ernest Lewis

PLEASANT LAKE — Ernest Edward Lewis,45, of Pleasant Lake died, Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at Girrbach Funeral Home in Hastings, Mich.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Community Music School, 209 W. Green, Hastings, MI 49058.

Condolences may be sent online to girrbach funeralhome.net.

Wayne Pickney

AUBURN — Wayne R. Pinckney, 51, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Trinity Lutheran Church 1801 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd A. Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mcomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2010, Sunday

Former Garrett first lady had many talents

BY JENNY KOBIELA-MONDOR
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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Betty Kleeman poses with her husband, former Garrett mayor Herb Kleeman. Mrs. Kleeman died Jan. 19.

GARRETT — “Betty was very talented,” former Garrett Mayor Herb Kleeman recalls of Betty, his wife of over 57 years.

Betty died Jan. 19 at the age of 78.

From her stint as a drum majorette at Auburn High School, through years as a bookkeeper for various organizations, a mother of five and an artist, Betty Kleeman was an active woman.

She graduated from Auburn High School in 1950 and was offered a scholarship to college in Bowling Green, Ohio. However, her father did not allow her to go, daughter Deb Kleeman recalled.

Instead, she stayed in DeKalb County and, in May 1951, went on a blind date with Herb Kleeman — to a White Sox game in Chicago. The pair were married March 2, 1952.

Herb Kleeman later served as mayor of Garrett and, although Betty supported his work, she did not want to be called the “First Lady,” Herb said.

“That was one part of my life she was never in favor of,” he said with a laugh.

“She never wanted to sit at the front table” at events, Deb Kleeman remembered. “She would say, ‘Don’t make me ride in the parade.’”

Betty Kleeman made bookkeeping her life. She spent 10 years working at Auburn State Bank as a bookkeeper and teller, and set up and managed the W-M Employees Federal Credit Union for 19 years as treasurer-manager. Deb Kleeman said she still goes into the credit union and once told a teller, “I can remember when this credit union started, and all the books were on our kitchen table.”

“She kept it in order,” Herb Kleeman said. “She never got a reprimand of any kind.”

She also was the 401(k) trustee for Electric Motors employees for 12 years, helped set up the books for her brother-in-law’s business in Montpelier, Ohio, and kept the financial records while Zion Lutheran Church was working on a building project.

“That was the bean-counter part in her,” Deb Kleeman said.

Betty Kleeman was “wonderful” to her family, Herb Kleeman said, but, like in her work, “she was very disciplined. There was a right way to do it, and a wrong way.”

“She was the supervisor,” Deb Kleeman said. “She was the ultimate supervisor.”

Deb remembers a time her parents went on vacation to South Carolina, and Betty left strict instructions for her three sons to get rid of the family’s garage.

“The boys had to make sure it was gone by the time they got back,” she said.

Her mother was fair and thoughtful, too, Deb added.

“She put a lot of things ahead of herself,” she said.

But Betty Kleeman also had another passion — art. She painted, made stained-glass windows and knitted, and also enjoyed tending to the decorative backyard pond at the family’s home at 402 S. Randolph St. Many of her projects are still in homes around DeKalb County. Deb Kleeman, who works in a local doctor’s office, had a patient give her mother a painting the patient had found.

“They’re still around,” Deb said. “She was very artistic. She had that eye, or that talent.”

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2010, Sunday

Robert Shearer

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Shearer, 74, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Shearer was a 30 year member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 166, retiring in 1995.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving during the Korean War Conflict. He was also a long time member of the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

Mr. Shearer

He was born on May 17, 1935, in Cromwell, to Edward Charles and Eva (Keister) Shearer.

He married Jeannie DeWitt on Aug. 3, 1963, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Suzanne Shearer of Garrett, Jeff and Angela Shearer of Auburn, and Rick and Carrie Shearer of LaGrange; two daughters and a son-in-law, Laura and Brian Keith of Chapin, S.C., and Lisa Shearer of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Kay Rose Shearer of Ligonier; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Douglas Shearer and Edward Shearer.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lloyd Bickel officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn with military graveside services being conducted by the U.S. Marine Corp. and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday and from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

James Mishler

SHIPSHWANA — James W. Mishler, 71, of Shipshewana, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m., Monday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana. Services will be conducted by Rev. Jeremy Helmuth.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Memorials may be given to American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Pickney

AUBURN — Wayne R. Pinckney, 51, of Auburn, died Thursday February 4, 2010 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

He was born June 5, 1958, in Fort Wayne, the son of Lloyd and Ruthene Pinckney. They both preceded him in death.

He was a Purdue University graduate with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology and had worked at Polaroid in the drivers license division. He also was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a licensed Ham Radio Operator.

Survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Patricia Pinckney of Duncan, Okla.; three nephews and their families; Kenneth and Jennifer Parker of Hampton, Va., Kristopher Parker of Choctaw, Okla., and Michael and Monica Pinckney of Austin, Texas.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday with calling one hour prior at Trinity Lutheran Church 1801 N. Main Street, Auburn; with the Reverend Lloyd A. Bickel officiating.

Visitation Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn. Burial in Roselawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

To sign the guest book or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington-mcomb.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2010, Sunday

Darrell Sheets

KENDALLVILLE — Darrell W. Sheets Sr., 73, of Kendallville died on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at his Kendallville residence.

He was born in Berwind, West Virginia on July 23, 1936 to the late Walter and Lucy (Gilly) Sheets.

Mr. Sheets was married to Betty Sheets who passed away June 9, 1992.

Mr. Sheets

He worked for McCray Refrigeration for several years.

Mr Sheets liked to fish and watch college and pro football on television. He also loved to spend time with his family and grandkids.

He is survived by three sons; Darrell Sheets Jr. of Kendallville, Larry Sheets of Charleston, W.V., and Jerri and Crystal Sheets of Kendallville; three daughters, Mary and William Miller of Kendallville, Tammy and Fred Schneider of Kendallville, and Lora Thompson Dingus Cole of Oceola; 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren; a brother, Wiley Sheets of Bluefield, W.V.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and several brothers and sisters.

Visitation will Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial will be in the Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the family to help with expenses.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Polly Padilla

WATERLOO — Polly D. Padilla, 38, of Waterloo, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main Street Auburn. Visitation Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Evelyn Champion

HOWE — Evelyn May Champion, 76, of Howe, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Eugene Sorg

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Ronald Vincent Sorg, 74, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 12 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Pastor Mike Howard officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 7, 2010, Sunday

Maxine Summers

AVILLA — Maxine D. Summers, 89, of Avilla died on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born in Nevada, Iowa, on July 7, 1920, to the late Clarence Virgil and Ruth Esther (Melohn) Donaldson.

Mrs. Summers

Mrs. Summers married Maynard Stephen Summers on Jan. 1, 1938, in Kendallville. Mr. Summers passed away March 11, 1991.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Summers has been a member of the National Campers and Hikers Association and Wee Campers both since 1975.

She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where she belonged to the Rosary Sodality.

Mrs. Summers was also an avid bridge and card player, a 60 year member of the American Legion Auxillary, a Girl Scout leader for 25 years in Kendallville and more than anything loved to spend time with family and friends.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law; Janet and Ronald Zaucha of Avilla; a son and daughter-in-law, Virgil and Sandra Summers of El Paso, Texas; 11 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and seven Great-Great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Evelyn Summers, one brother, Gene Donaldson, one granddaughter, Heidi Kilburn; and one great-granddaughter, Morgan Kilburn.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. with a rosary at 7:30 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Mass will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Fr. James Stoyle.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Logan Conley, Jayce Wilcox, Dustin Wilcox, Zachary McCue, Roger Molargik and Anthony Atkison. Honorary Casketbearers will be Brian Summers and Jayden Conley.

Preferred Memorials may be made to MDA.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 8, 2010, Monday

Polly Padilla

WATERLOO — Polly D. Padilla, 38, of Waterloo, died Friday, February 5, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Miss Padilla

She was born November 30, 1971, in Auburn, the daughter of Linzie O. and Ethel Goodman. She was the office manager at BKC Group and enjoyed spending time bowling with her family.

She is survived by her mother, Ethel Goodman of Auburn; daughter, Alycia Padilla of Waterloo; son, Derek Padilla of Waterloo; companion, Andy Kennedy and his children Scott, Tucker and Lindy Kennedy all of Auburn; sisters- and brothers- in law, Tamera and Jeff Murphy of Garrett, Shelly Goodman of Auburn and Melody and Bob Harmon of Auburn; brothers, Linzie O. Goodman Jr. of Fort Wayne and Kevin Goodman of Waterloo; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Linzie O. Goodman Sr., and a great niece, Khloe Clark.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday with visitation one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Visitation will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the family to further her children's education.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

James Riemke

FORT WAYNE — James H. Riemke, 70, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010 at home.

A prayer service will be Friday at 10:15 a.m. in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, followed by an 11 a.m. funeral service in the Zion Lutheran Church, Friedheim. Interment will be at Mt. Tabor Cemetery, rural Decatur.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Adams Post 43 American Legion.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday in the D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Foster Park, 6301 Fairfield Avenue, Fort Wayne, and from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to Zion Friedheim Church Building Fund or donor's choice.

To sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com.

Glen Keezer

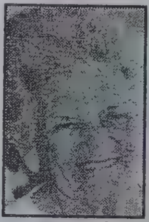
BRYAN, Ohio — Glen R. Keezer, 48, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bryan, with calling from 1-6 p.m. Tuesday.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, Ind.

Irene Worthington

FORT MYERS, Fla. — E. Irene Worthington, 80, of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Angola, Ind., died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.


Mrs. Worthington

She was born Oct. 25, 1929, in Montgomery, Mich., to Sylvia and Meredith Groshon. She married Olin E. Worthington on Feb. 12, 1949. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 2008.

She worked as a waitress at the Captain's Cabin, Angola. She was a graduate of the Montgomery High School, Montgomery. She was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge. She enjoyed the lake and boating.

Surviving are two sons, Doug and Marsha Worthington of Fort Wayne and Dave and Patty Worthington of Auburn, Ind.; grandchildren: Amy and Brad Saleik, Joel and Kristy Worthington, Jonathan and Jessica Worthington, Jamie and Josh Beck, and Josh Worthington; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ruth and Jim Esterline of Montgomery.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today, Feb. 8, 2010 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at the funeral home with the Rev. Russ Abel officiating. Burial will be at Fremont Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 9, 2010, Tuesday

Richard Vorndran

AVILLA — Richard Vorndran, age 80, formerly of Fort Wayne died on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on April 7, 1929 to the late Richard F. and Emma E. (Hilty) Vorndran.

Mr. Vorndran graduated from Fort Wayne South Side High School in 1947.

He served his country in the United States Navy from 1947 to 1951.

Mr. Vorndran married Catherine R. Reese on July 17, 1951 in Norfolk, Virginia. She survives in Avilla.

He was a electronic technician for the FAA at the Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne, Indiana for 28 years until he retired in 1986.

Mr. Vorndran enjoyed gardening and reading. He also liked to spend his time building navy military models.

His family knew him as caretaker of sorts. Whatever or whoever needed to be cared for he was always there to help.

Survivors include: his wife, Catherine R. Vorndran of Avilla; one son, Michael and Meg Vorndran of Shawnee, Oklahoma; two daughters, Sharon and Tom Lamb of Tucson, Arizona and Kathy and Greg Ensley of Wolcottville; five grandchildren, Elizabeth "Libby", Andy and Aaron, Anne and Joe and his wife Carissa; one great grandson, Dylan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Steve Ensley.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Assisted Living Courtyard Building Fund.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

Evelyn Champion

HOWE — Evelyn May Champion, 76, of Howe died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Rachel Akey

BUTLER — Rachel A. Akey, 50, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at her home.

She was a graduate of Eastside High School and the former owner of the Butler Eat'n Haus Restaurant and the Covered Bridge Restaurant in Spencerville.

Mrs. Akey

She was born Sept. 4, 1959, in Hicksville, Ohio, to John and Genevieve (Hankey) Lapp.

Rachel married Dean Akey on Dec. 11, 1982, in Hicksville, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Andrea and Sara Akey, both of Butler; her father, John Lapp of Butler; two sisters, Vicki Ramsdell of Auburn and Chris Snyder of Butler; a brother, John Lapp of Hamilton; and her in-laws, Wilbur and Gladys Akey of St. Joe.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Sara Akey College Fund.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 10, 2010, Wednesday

Donald Linsley

CHURUBUSCO — Donald R. Linsley, 81, of rural Churubusco died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Linsley was a retired semi truck driver.

He was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel.

Surviving are his wife Gloria; his children, Larry S. (Claudia) Linsley, Duane (Dianne) Linsley, Sherrie (Sharon) Linsley and Karen (Rick) Bonar; his brothers, Bernard (Barbara) Linsley and Gerald (Mary) Linsley; nine grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Saturday in the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Dwayne Berna officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and from 6-8 p. m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials to the church summer missions outreach.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Dorothy Anderson

AVILLA — Dorothy Owen Anderson, 86, of Avilla died Friday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hosptial in Kendallville.

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and dairly farmer. She served assecretary for the American Breeder Service and had owned the Aldrich Motel.

She was born March 16, 1923, in Allen County to Dale V. and Lottie L. (Fitch) Kistler. She married Ted Owen on Dec. 28, 1940, in Noble County. He died in 1964. She then married Howard Anderson and he died in 2005.

Surviving are two sons, William and Kim Owen and Stanley and Cindy Owen; two daughters, Sandra and Ned Ragan and Linda and Jeff Mueller; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Ann Owen; a sister, Marilyn Gay; and a brother, Ronald Kistler.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Indiana chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Homes in Nappanee is in charge of arrangements.

James Timmerman

SHELBY, Ohio — James "DuWayne" Timmerman, 69, of Shelby and formerly of Spencerville, Ind., died Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, at MedCentral Mansfield Hospital in Ohio.

Memorial services were held Feb. 4 in the Ontario Home of Wappner Funeral Directors in Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Specerville provided this information.

Rachel Akey

BUTLER —The location of the funeral service for Rachel A. Akey has been changed.

Services will now be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Christ's Church in Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Rachel A. Akey, 50, died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at her home.

Condolences may be sent and a video tribute viewed at www.hejohnsonfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 10, 2010, Wednesday

Karl Starkey

WATERLOO — Karl Starkey, 91, of Waterloo died Monday, Feb. 8, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born in Ohio on Dec. 6, 1918, to Pat and Gladys (Orr) Starkey.

Karl was an engineer for the B & O and CXS Railroads for 40 years before retiring in 1982.

He was a U.S. Army WWII veteran and was a member of the Butler American Legion Post 202 and the Waterloo VFW.

He married Betty Rae Rynearson and she died in 1997.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Julie Starkey of Auburn and Jim and Connie Starkey of Elkhart; two grandchildren, Jeffery Starkey of Indianapolis and Jennifer Starkey of Harrogate, Tenn.; a nephew, Donn (Connie) Starkey; a niece, Jo Ellen (Mark) Heindselman; great-nephews; Aaron, Tyler and Jason; and great-nieces, Carly and Lindsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a brother, Bill Starkey.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Ind. The Rev David Mathews will officiate and Butler American Legion Post 202 will conduct military graveside honors. There will be no calling.

Memorials can be directed to Butler American Legion Post 202 or Waterloo VFW c/o their honors detail.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

James Riemke

FORT WAYNE — James H. Riemke, 70, of Fort Wayne died at 8:03 a.m Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Riemke has been the design coordinator for the Transportation Administration Department for the city of Fort Wayne.

He had also previously was the owner-operator of C.J.R. Draughting LTD in Fort Wayne and had worked for Hipskind Asphalt Co. and Scott's Foods.

Mr. Riemke had served in the Army National Guard and in the U.S. Army.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Friendheim.

He was born May 3, 1939, in Orland to Theodore P. H. and Ellen M. (Teegardin) Riemke. He married O. Caroline Robbins and she died Feb. 22, 1988. He then married Fern (Hunter) McAllister on Oct. 4, 1997. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are four daughters, Christaina Riemke of Fort Wayne and Debbie and Ted Brunner, Julie and Donald Adkison and Kimberlee and Richard Weiland II, all of Decatur; four sons, Robbin and Dianne Riemke of Lafayette, Tim and Lisa Riemke of Fort Wayne, Terry and Linda McAllister of Decatur and Randy and Gail McAllister of Fort Hood, Texas; a sister, Barbara A. Jones of West Unity, Ohio; a brother, John W. and Jean Riemke of Kendallville; 22 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and his three "little ladies" Joy, Zoe and Miley, at home.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A prayer service will be held at 10:15 a.m. Friday in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with a funeral service at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church in Friedheim with Pastor Daniel Dahling officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, rural Decatur. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Adams American Legion Post 43.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today in D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 63401 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, and from 5-8 p.m. Thursday in the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur.

Memorials are to the Zion Friedheim Church Building Fund or to the donor's choice.

To send condolences online or to sign the guest book go to www.zwickjahn.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 10, 2010, Wednesday

Mary Preston

Mrs. Preston

LAGRANGE — Mary K. "Kate" Preston, 94, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Preston was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She retired from Farmers State Bank where she had worked as a teller.

Mrs. Preston was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

She was born on April 16, 1915, in Topeka to Irvin and Ella (Moseman) Fought. She married Denver Otis Preston on Dec. 17, 1936, in Wolcottville. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1961.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Sam Cline of Jonesboro, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry L. and Gloria Preston of LaGrange; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Imogene and Clayton Preston of Albion and Joan Keplinger, Jane and Dean Ulrey and Janice Keenan, all of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Helen Woodworth, Ilah Donaldson and Phyllis Myers.

Funeral services will at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Revs. Carldean Merrifield and Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in rural Howe.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Eugene Sorg

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services have been changed for Eugene Ronald Vincent Sorg, 74, of Kendallville due to weather conditions.

They will now be held at noon on Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 10, 2010, Wednesday

Dorothy Owen Anderson, 86

AVILLA - Dorothy Owen Anderson, 86, of Avilla died Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital after a brief illness.

She was born in Allen County, IN on March 16, 1923, to Dale V. and Lottie L. (Fitch) Kistler.

Mrs. Anderson married Ted Owen on December 28, 1940 in Noble County, IN. He passed away in 1964. Dorothy then married Howard Anderson who passed on in 2005. She spent all her life in Noble County.

She was a homemaker, dairy farmer and Secretary for American Breeder Service. She also owned Alrich Motel.

Dorothy's hobbies included: cross-stitch, gardening, show ponies, her family, fishing, and bird watching. She heartily enjoyed sharing her love of baking with her family and friends.

She is survived by two sons, William (Kim) Owen and Stanley (Cindy) Owen; two daughters, Sandra (Ned) Ragan and Linda (Jeff) Mueller; ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Ann Owen; sister, Marilyn Gay; brother, Ronald Kistler; along with both her husbands, Ted Owen and Howard Anderson.

As her final loving gesture, she wished that her body be used to further medical research. The anatomical Education Program of Indiana University School of Medicine will benefit from her unselfish gesture.

A celebration of life Memorial Service is being planned for a later date.

Memorials may be made to Indiana State Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 7301 Georgetown Rd., Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Richard Vorndran, 80

Richard Vorndran, age 80, of Kendallville died on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on April 7, 1929 to the late Richard F. and Emma E. (Hilty) Vorndran.

Mr. Vorndran graduated from Fort Wayne South Side High School in 1947.

He served his country in the United States Navy from 1947 to 1951.

Mr. Vorndran married Catherine R. Reese on July 17, 1951 in Norfolk, Virginia. She survives in Avilla.

He was an electronic technician for the FAA at the Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne, Indiana for 28 years until he retired in 1986.

Mr. Vorndran enjoyed gardening and reading. He also liked to spend his time building navy military models.

His family knew him as caretaker of sorts. Whatever or whoever needed to be cared for he was always there to help.

Survivors include: his wife; Catherine R. Vorndran of Avilla, one son, Michael (Meg) Vorndran of Shawnee, Oklahoma; two daughters, Sharon (Tom) Lamb of Tucson, Arizone, Kathy (Greg) Ensley of Wolcottville; five grandchildren; Elizabeth "Libby", Andy and Aaron, Anne and Joe and his wife Carissa; one great grandson, Dylan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 5 to 8 PM at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 10:00 AM at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Steve Ensley.

Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Assisted Living Courtyard Building Fund..

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 10, 2010, Wednesday

Alisa J. Campbell, 48

Alisa J. Campbell, age 48, of Albion, IN died Monday, February 1, 2010 at her residence. Born on February 10, 1961 in Jacksonville, FL, she was the daughter of Harry and Clara (Spevak) Neihaus.

She lived the majority of her life in California, moving to Larwill, IN in 1990 and has been a resident of Albion, Ind. since 1997. She attended Columbia High School in Maplewood, NJ. She worked as a waitress at various restaurants, but was also a devoted mother to her son.

Survivors include her son, Jesse S. Campbell of Albion; father, Harry (Shashana) Neihaus of Israel; brother, Alex (Patricia) Neihaus of Southborough, MA; former husband, Jeff Campbell of Albion; and half-sister, Randa Wheat of Texas. She was preceded in death by her mother Clara Neihaus.

Visitation with the family is 5-6 p.m., Thursday, February 11, 2010 with the memorial service to follow at 6:00 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN.

Rabbi Marla Spanjer of Congregation Achduth Vesholom in Fort Wayne will officiate. Burial will take place at a later date at Washington Union Cemetery. Memorials may be given in memory of Ms. Campbell to the family c/o DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send the family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Maxine D. Summers, 89

KENDALLVILLE - Maxine D. Summers, 89, of Kendallville died on Friday, Feb. 5, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

She was born in Nevada, Iowa, on July 7, 1920, to the late Clarence Virgil and Ruth Esther (Melohn) Donaldson.

Mrs. Summers married Maynard Stephen Summers on Jan. 1, 1938, in Kendallville. Mr. Summers passed away March 11, 1991.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Summers had been a member of the National Campers and Hikers Association and Wee Campers both since 1975.

She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where she belonged to the Rosary Sodality.

Mrs. Summers was also an avid bridge and card player, a 60 year member of the American Legion Auxillary, a Girl Scout leader for 25 years in Kendallville and more than anything loved to spend time with family and friends.

She is survived by a daughter, Janet (Ronald) Zaucha of Avilla; a son, Virgil (Sandra) Summers of El Paso, Texas; eleven grandchildren; thirty-three great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Evelyn Summers, one brother, Gene Donaldson, one granddaughter, Heidi Kilburn; and one great-granddaughter, Morgan Kilburn.

Funeral Mass was Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Fr. James Stoyle.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers were Logan Conley, Jayce Wilcox, Dustin Wilcox, Zachary McCue, Roger Molargik and Anthony Atkison. Honorary Casketbearers were Brian Summers and Jayden Conley.

Preferred Memorials may be made to MDA.

Charitable donations may be made in Maxine's memory to the following organization:

Muscular Dystrophy
Association
www.mdausa.org
275 Turnpike St., Suite 201,
Canton, MA 02021
Tel: 781 575 1881

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 10, 2010, Wednesday

Donald R. Linsley, 81

Donald R. Linsley, 81, a resident of rural Churubusco, passed away at 4:18 a. m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time, and had been taken to the hospital on Thursday evening from North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Mr. Linsley was born on March 21, 1928 in Calhoun County, Michigan, a son of L. Z. and Alta (Rice) Linsley. He spent his formative years on the family farm near Battle Creek, and graduated from Bellevue High School in 1946.

On May 21, 1950 he was married in Eaton County, Michigan to Gloria J. Smurr. The couple lived all of their married lives in Michigan until moving from Battle Creek to Churubusco in 1993.

As a young man he was employed by the Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, and later owned and operated Linsley Excavating for 20 years. He retired in 1986 as a semi driver for Clark Equipment in Battle Creek.

Mr. Linsley was a member of the Merriam Christian Chapel.

The surviving relatives nclude his wife, Gloria to vhom he was married for over 59 years; four children Larry S. (Claudia) Linsley of Battle Creek, Mich., Duane (Dianne) Linsley of Greenville, Mich., and Sherrie (Sharon) Linsley and Karen (Rick) Bonar, both of Churubusco; two brothers Bernard (Barbara) Linsley of Nashville, Mich., and Gerald (Mary) Linsley of Battle Creek, Mich; nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Dwayne Berna, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Friday from 2-4 and from 6-8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Merriam Christian Chapel-Summer Missions Outreach, 3985 South U. S. 33, Albion, IN 46701

To leave a condolence for the family in Mr. Linsley's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 11, 2010, Thursday

Russell Hicks

WAWAKA — Russell Nelson Hicks, age 75 of Wawaka died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in his Wawaka home.

He was born in Caretta, West Virginia, on December 8, 1934, to the late Ruben High and Sally Melinda (Pearson) Hicks.

Mr. Hicks

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1955.

He married Dorothy Mae Ridenour on September 9, 1962, in Nolan, West Virginia. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Hicks last worked at Ternat Metal Finishing in Avilla and retired from there in March 2009.

Prior to that he worked at Lane, Newnam and Dalton Foundry in Kendallville and the Auburn Foundry in Auburn.

Mr. Hicks loved to serve the Lord and he and his wife attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and motorcycle riding. More than anything he loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Hicks of Wawaka; five daughters, Kathleen Hicks Simpkins of Kendallville, Barbara Hicks Harrington of Waterloo, Thelma Melinda Hicks of Wolcottville, Amy Sue Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, and Amanda Kay and Alan Zimmerman of Goshen; a son, Ronnie Lee and Teresa Hicks of Brimfield; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, R.S. VanHoose Sr. of Williamson, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronnie's twin, Lonnie D. Hicks who died April 4, 1963; a son, Russell Jr. who died June 26, 1968; four brothers, Uyless, Dallas Sr., Warren and Robert Hicks; and a sister, Thelma VanHoose.

Visitation will be Friday, February 12, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service will be Willie Collins and Ergil Calhoun.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Rod Elkins, Alan Zimmerman, Jonathan Newell, Adam Zimmerman, Scottie Jacobs, Matthew Slabaugh and Michael Newell.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Frances Hoyer

AUBURN — Frances D. Erwin Hoyer, 90, of Auburn died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hoyer

Mrs. Hoyer had been employed at Rieke Corp. for 20 years.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, Bible Study Club of Hudson, Mt. Zion Methodist Ladies Aid and Modern Woodmen of America.

She was born Dec. 4, 1910, in Pleasant Lake to Brownie and Nettie (Myers) Grate. Her first husband, Clair E. Erwin died in 1976 and her second husband Paul T. Hoyer died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herschel and Beverly Erwin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Philip Wren of Fort Wayne; a brother, Harold Grate of Corunna; four stepsons, Richard Hoyer, Donald Hoyer, Jack Hoyer and James Hoyer; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Tritch, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Joe Heins officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the staff at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 11, 2010, Thursday

Roger Roth

FORT WAYNE — Roger L. Roth, 77, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Grabill died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Village Oaks.

Mr. Roth retired as the co-owner of C & C Supermarket in Grabill. Following his retirement, he worked at Kohl's at Northcrest for 12 years until 1987.

He was a member of Harlan Church of Christ where he served as a deacon for many years.

He was born March 10, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Menno and Mary (Myers) Roth. He married his wife Pauline in 1951 and she died in November 2009.

Surviving are two daughters, Dawn and Rob Kovacik of Plainfield, Ill., and Kim and Gary Cooper of Leo; four sisters, Kathleen Thomas of Fort Wayne, Betty Ream of Wabash, Jean and Lawrence Kennedy of Huntington and Norma and Cy Gustin of Harlan; and grandchildren, Kathy and Lauren Kovacik, Megan (Joshua) Burton, and Adam and Robby Cooper.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Max Roth.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Harlan Church of Christ with Evangelist David Atchley officiating. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery in Harlan.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Harlan Christian School or Heartland Hospice.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan is in charge of arrangements.

Daisy Langer

AVILLA — Daisy Langer, age 82, died Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at 3:30 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Langer was born January 12, 1928, in Mock, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Courtney and Mary Belle (Allen) Parks. Both are deceased.

She came to Avilla in 1958 after living in Churubusco.

In July of 1957 she married Ronald H. Langer. He died on October 28, 2008.

In her younger years she worked at Wayne Candy in Fort Wayne, but for most of her life, she was a homemaker to her husband and children.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing and crafts.

Surviving are her two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Donna Langer of LaOtto and Keith and Emily Langer of Avilla; a daughter, Janet Lanning of Avilla; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters, Gladys Clem of Columbia City, Verna Greene of Merriville, Audrey Burkey of Goshen, Joyce Stevens of Sydney, Patty Haarer of Goshen, and Sharon Haarer of Goshen; and a brother, Jim Parks of Auburn.

She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Langer will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Tom Novy from Provena Sacred Heart Home will officiate. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the South Park Annex Cemetery near Columbia City.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit brazzellfuneralhome.com

Ray Fry

GOSHEN — Glen Ray Fry, 22, of Goshen, died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, as the result of injuries from an auto accident near Constantine, Mich.

Mr. Fry had worked the past four years at Jayco in Middlebury.

He was born Aug. 26, 1987, in Goshen to Ernest D. and Mary Sue (Schmucker) Fry. They survive.

Also surviving are two sisters, Ida Anna Fry and Rebecca Fern Fry, both at home; and his grandparents, Freeman L. (Ida E.) Schmucker of Shipshewana and Glen D. (Anna W.) Fry of Topeka; and his special friend Kara Beth Troyer of Nappanee.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the Eugene Yoder residence, across the road from the Ernest Fry residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Mervin Yoder residence, 11770 C.R. 32, Goshen. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 11, 2010, Thursday

Dorothy Anderson

AVILLA — Dorothy Owen Anderson, 86, of Avilla died at 12:10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Anderson was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a homemaker and dairy farmer. She served as secretary for the American Breeder Service and had owned the Alrich Motel.

Dorothy's hobbies included doing cross stitch, gardening, show ponies, her family, fishing and bird watching. She enjoyed sharing her love of baking with her family and friends.

She was born March 16, 1923, in Allen County to Dale V. and Lottie L. (Fitch) Kistler. She married Ted Owen on Dec. 28, 1940, in Noble County. He died in 1964. She then married Howard Anderson and he died in 2005.

Mrs. Anderson

Surviving are two sons, William and Kim Owen and Stanley and Cindy Owen; two daughters, Sandra and Ned Ragan and Linda and Jeff Mueller; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Ann Owen; a sister, Marilyn Gay; and a brother, Ronald Kistler.

As a final loving gesture, she wished that her body be used to further medical research. The Anatomical Education program of Indiana University School of Medicine will benefit from her unselfish gesture.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the Indiana chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Homes in Nappanee is in charge of arrangements.

Flanagan Rice

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Flanagan Rice, 81, died Jan. 6 in San Diego, Calif.

Burial will take place Friday at 9 a.m. at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at Point Loma, San Diego, Calif.

Memorials can be made to San Diego Hospice, 4311 3rd Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103. A guest book can be signed online at pacificbeachchapel.com/caring_center/memorial.html.

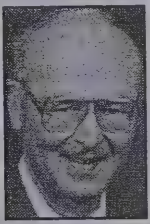
THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 12, 2010, Friday

John Hartman

ASHLEY — John C. Hartman, 71, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at his home in Ashley.

Born in Fort Wayne, John worked as a self-employed Cabinet Maker for 25 years, retiring in 2001.

He was a 1956 graduate of Central Catholic High School, a current member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo and a U.S. Army veteran.


Mr. Hartman

Surviving are his wife, Barbara J. (Morris) Hartman of Ashley; a son, William Hartman of Columbia City; a son, James Hartman of Churubusco; a son,Timothy Hartman of Rome City; a son, Michael Hartman of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Amy (James) Kleeman of London, Ohio; a son, David (Sarah) Hartman of Wawaka; grandchildren, Justin, Andrew, Morgan, Michaela and Nathaniel Hartman, and Kyle and Lauren Kleeman; a brother, Philip Hartman; sisters, Patricia Hartman-Hoeppner, Carolyn (Dale) Snyder and Marolyn (Leon) Krauss; and sisters-in-law, Mary Bordner and Kathleen Morris.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Paul and Vera Louise Hartman, and brother, Thomas Hartman.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, corner of State and Randallia, with calling one hour prior. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Calling also from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Restortation Fund.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Dwight Sebert

BUTLER — Dwight L. Sebert, 90, of Butler died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Dorothy Contadellucci

AUBURN — Dorothy M. Contadellucci, 75, of Auburn died at 7:12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Contadellucci had worked at Betz Nursing Home for eight years and had been a dog groomer for 20 years.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, the Garrett America Legion Auxiliary and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

She was born May 4, 1934, in Garrett to Earl and Margaret Burniston. She married Anthony J. Contadellucci in 1986 in Hawaii and he died Oct. 7, 2005.

She is survived by three sons, Jackie and Gloria Rottger and Steve Rottger, all of Auburn, and Daniel Rottger of Garrett; six grandchildren; two brothers, Walter Burniston of Auburn and Ray Burniston of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Ilo Frankhouser of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Jim, Joe, Chuck and Bob Burniston; and a sister, Mary Burniston Rottger.

There will be no visitation or services.

Burial will take place at a later date in Tamarack Cemetery in rural Auburn.

Memorials are to the Garrett American Legion.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 12, 2010, Friday

Russell Hicks

WAWAKA — Russell Nelson Hicks, age 75, of Wawaka died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in his Wawaka home.

He was born in Caretta, West Virginia, on December 8, 1934, to the late Ruben High and Sally Melinda (Pearson) Hicks.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean conflict from 1951 to 1955.

He married Dorothy Mae Ridenour on September 14, 1962, in Nolan, West Virginia. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Hicks last worked at Ternat Metal Finishing in Avilla and retired from there in March 2009.

Prior to that he worked at Lane, Newnam and Dalton Foundry in Kendallville and the Auburn Foundry in Auburn.

Mr. Hicks loved to serve the Lord and he and his wife attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and motorcycle riding. More than anything he loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Hicks of Wawaka; five daughters, Kathleen Hicks Simpkins of Kendallville, Barbara Hicks Harrington of Waterloo, Thelma Melinda Hicks of Wolcottville, Amy Sue Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, and Amanda Kay and Alan Zimmerman of Goshen; two sons, Ronnie Lee and Teresa Hicks of Brimfield and Ruben and Sandra Hicks of Kendallville;15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, R.S. VanHoose Sr. of Williamson, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Ronnie's twin, Lonnie D. Hicks who died April 4, 1963; a son, Russell Jr. who died June 26, 1968; four brothers, Uyless, Dallas Sr., Warren and Robert Hicks; and a sister, Thelma VanHoose.

Visitation will be Friday, February 12, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 13, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service will be Willie Collins and Ergil Calhoun.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers will be Rod Elkins, Alan Zimmerman, Jonathan Newell, Adam Zimmerman, Scottie Jacobs, Matthew Slabaugh and Michael Newell.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 13, 2010, Saturday

Frances Hoyer

AUBURN — Frances D. Erwin Hoyer, 90, of Auburn died at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hoyer had been employed at Rieke Corp. for 20 years.

Mrs. Hoyer

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ, Bible Study Club of Hudson, Mt. Zion Methodist Ladies Aid and Modern Woodmen of America.

She was born Dec. 4, 1919, in Pleasant Lake to Brownie and Nettie (Myers) Grate. Her first husband, Clair E. Erwin, died in 1976, and her second husband, Paul T. Hoyer, died in 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Herschel and Beverly Erwin of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Philip Wren of Fort Wayne; a brother, Harold Grate of Corunna; four stepsons, Richard Hoyer, Donald Hoyer, Jack Hoyer and James Hoyer; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Hilda Treesh, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Joe Heins officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery at Pleasant Lake.

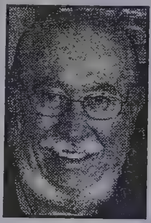
Calling will be after 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the staff at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Condolences may be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

Cecil Hazelton

KENDALLVILLE — Cecil Charles Hazelton, age 69, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Hazelton

Mr. Hazelton was born in Kendallville on March 15, 1940, to Richard Hugh and Florence (Knott) Hazelton.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1960 and married Margaret Irene High on June 24, 1962, at the South Milford United Methodist Church. Margaret preceded his death September 13, 2009.

Cecil was the past owner of Kendallville Sanitation from 1969-1980.

He also owned Hazelton's Handy Work and Mowing Service since 1980 and was currently employed at Kautex Textron in Avilla since April 1996.

Cecil was a member of the South Milford United Methodist Church and enjoyed helping others.

He and Margaret enjoyed traveling together earlier in life, especially trips to Alaska.

They also enjoyed bowling when they were younger.

Cecil loved to be outside, taking care of his lawn work, cutting wood and tinkering around his garage.

Survivors include: Son, Phil and Michele Hazelton of Kendallville; son, Paul Hazelton of Fort Wayne; grandson, Andrew Urick of Kendallville; and sister, Nanette Tucker of South Milford.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Allison Joy Hazelton; brothers, Glenn, Richard and Jeffrey Hazelton; and sisters, Beatrice Crooks, Sara Barton, and Barbara Lindsey.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 14, 2010, from 1-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, February 15, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Barbara Cross.

Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 13, 2010, Saturday

Dwight Sebert

BUTLER — Dwight L. Sebert, 91, died Thursday, February 11, at his home in Auburn.

He was born on January 6, 1919, in Corunna to George and Evelyn Draper Sebert.

Dwight served in the U.S. Army during World War II with the 64th Medical Regiment.

He worked for the Standard Oil Company, retiring after 27 years of service.

Mr. Sebert

Dwight was also the retired owner of Sebert Oil Company, a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Butler American Legion Post 202.

He served on the Butler City Council, the Butler and DeKalb Eastern School Boards, and was a Republican state delegate.

He married Iris Pontius on October 11, 1941, in Covington, Kentucky. She preceded him in death on April 30, 2001. He married Wava Schmidt Brandon on September 17, 2003. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ellen and Dr. Robert Denney of Newport, North Carolina; Janet and Rick Everhart of Butler; and Diane Smith of Remington, Indiana; a son Michael Sebert of Butler; a sister Leah Hager of Leo; five stepchildren: Dr. Larry Brandon of Springfield, Illinois, Nancy Fike of Angola, Barbara Ault of South Bend, Indiana, John Brandon of Clarksfield, Minnesota, and Timothy Brandon of LaOtto; 10 grandchildren, Douglas Denney, Angela Kirk, Katherine Batchelor, Amy Bradburn, Rory Sebert, Randy Sebert, Adam Everhart, Ashley Everhart, Scott Smith and Derek Smith; 16 stepgrandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, Wayne, Ralph, Kenneth, Park, Robert, and Ward Sebert; and a stepdaughter Dana Smith.

Visitation will be at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, from 3-8 p.m. on Monday.

Funeral services for Dwight Sebert will be Tuesday at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior at the Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery with military honors by the Butler American Legion.

Preferred memorials are to the Butler United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

Sue Lipscomb

KENDALLVILLE — Sue Lipscomb, 52, died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at Grace Christian Church at the corner of Mitchell and State streets in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will take place at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Services are in care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Hubert Hann

NEW HAVEN — Hubert Eugene "Pooch" Hann, 77, of New Haven died Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010, in his home.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be at 5 p.m. Monday at the New Haven Navy Club in New Haven.

Northern Indiana Funeral Care is in charge of arrangements.

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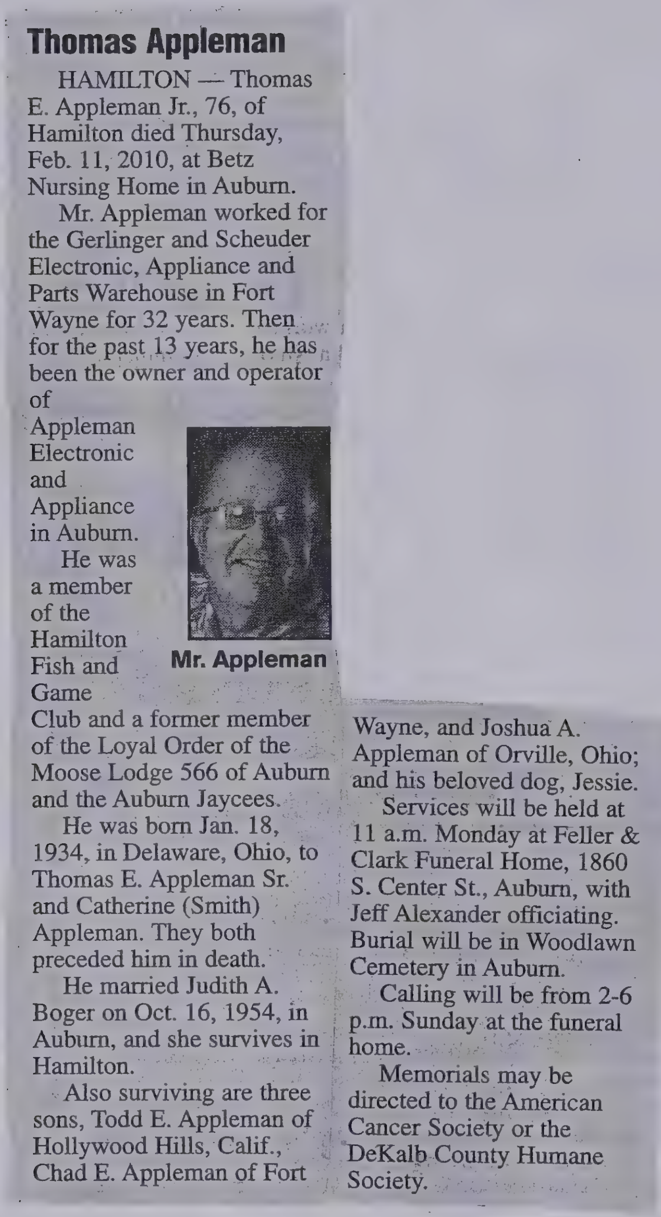
February 13, 2010, Saturday



Thomas Appleman

HAMILTON — Thomas E. Appleman Jr., 76, of Hamilton died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Appleman worked for the Gerlinger and Scheuder Electronic, Appliance and Parts Warehouse in Fort Wayne for 32 years. Then for the past 13 years, he has been the owner and operator of Appleman Electronic and Appliance in Auburn.

Mr. Appleman

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and the Auburn Jaycees.

He was born Jan. 18, 1934, in Delaware, Ohio, to Thomas E. Appleman Sr. and Catherine (Smith) Appleman. They both preceded him in death.

He married Judith A. Boger on Oct. 16, 1954, in Auburn, and she survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are three sons, Todd E. Appleman of Hollywood Hills, Calif., Chad E. Appleman of Fort Wayne, and Joshua A. Appleman of Orville, Ohio; and his beloved dog, Jessie.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 14, 2010, Sunday

Her talents touched many lives

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Julia Atz is shown performing at the keyboard.

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BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Her late husband once said of Julia Atz: "Music is her life."

Whether she was playing the organ for Trinity Church United Methodist worship services, leading the church choir, organizing and leading the Noble County Concert Association for 35 years, providing the piano accompaniment for East Noble Theatre for 20 years or singing herself, Mrs. Atz loved creating beautiful music.

"She viewed music opportunities as a strength of the community and sought bringing in live entertainment as personal enrichment for everyone," said Harold Sollenberger, Noble County Concert Association president.

Her talents touched so many lives.

Julia LaNea Atz, 86, of Kendallville, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010.

She was the organist for Trinity for more than 40 years and its choir director.

"She spent tireless hours practicing and playing the organ, leading the choir and helping other musical groups and ensembles over the years," said Pastor Scott Pattison. "She not only strived for quality for herself, but she pushed those she served with to strive and reach for it as well."

Mrs. Atz was serious about her music, but she also had a playful side, according to Pattison. On Super Bowl Sunday 2007 the church had a Super Bowl-themed worship service. Members of the congregation were invited to wear jerseys or apparel of their favorite teams, he recalled. Knowing this may not be "appropriate" (one of Julia's favorite words), Pattison wondered how she would respond. Julia arrived for the service proudly wearing her Northwestern University jersey. "We all enjoyed a good laugh," he said.

Mrs. Atz was a permanent fixture in the early days of East Noble Theatre, said director Craig Munk.

"This community-minded lover of music gave East Noble Theatre endless hours of talent and skill as she worked with theater students, production staff and the pit orchestras," he said. "She probably gave more volunteer hours to East Noble Theatre than any other person in this community."

Munk recalls the time when Gaslight Playhouse Theatre was performing the musical "Mame" in a leaky Floral Hall. "It was raining so hard that Julie played the show with an umbrella being held over her head and over the piano," he said.

Sollenberger and concert association members Nancy Miller and Sharon Stark, who were part of the original concert organization forming group that Mrs. Atz began, agreed Mrs. Atz was passionate about her music and doing everything well.

"Julia was so well organized, concise and thorough, as well as dependable, honest and gracious," they said. "She saw her dream of a community arts program realized and maintained in Noble County."

With her beloved husband, John, Julia was named Co-Citizen of the Year in 2000 by the Kendallville Area Chamber of Commerce for her many contributions to the arts in the Kendallville community.

She was born in Goshen on Sept. 23, 1923, to Orlin J. and Eva Louise (Kesler) Schrock. She graduated from Goshen High School in 1941, and then graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., in 1945 with a bachelor's degree in music education.

She married John Albert Atz on Sept. 14, 1947, in Goshen, and he preceded her in death on March 20, 2006.

Mrs. Atz taught fourth grade at Parkside Elementary in Goshen from 1945 to 1947. After moving to Kendallville, she served as a music teacher at several local schools including Wayne Center Elementary, Kendallville Central Middle School and East Noble High School for about 15 years.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Theresa Atz of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Deborah Fagas of Fort Wayne and Catherine and Fred Kreigh of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Orlin J. and Mildred Schrock of Goshen.

Mrs. Atz is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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Ethel Shepherd

WARSAW — Ethel D. Shepherd, 91, of Warsaw, Ind., died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at 7:25 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She had resided in Warsaw since 1993 and formerly resided in Claypool from 1952-1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church in Warsaw.

Mrs. Shepherd

On Jan. 18, 1919, in Floyd County, Ky., she was born to Smith and Audie (Poe) Johnson. She married Odis Shepherd in Kentucky in 1935. He preceded her in death on Sept. 22, 1995.

Survivors include: three sons and three daughters-in-law, Arnold and Cindy Shepherd, John and Sandy Shepherd and Donald and Patty Shepherd, all of Ligonier; a sister, Grethel Gibson, Warsaw; a brother, Butler Johnson, Warsaw; two daughters-in-law, Jayne Shepherd, Silver Lake, and Elaine Shepherd of South Dakota; 20 grandchildren; 37 great grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, three sisters, two brothers, a grandson and a great-grandaughter.

Services will be Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church, 125 Fawley St., Warsaw, with Pastors Glen Hughes, Rick Johnson and David Cripe officiating. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Claypool, Ind.

Calling will be 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, and one hour prior to the services at the church.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences to the family go online to www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

Charles Fordyce

WOLCOTTVILLE — Charles W. Fordyce, 78, died Saturday, Fev. 13, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Services are pending with Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Beverly Kennedy

AUBURN — Beverly E. Kennedy, 78, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 28, 1931, in Helmer, Ind., to Warren A. and Wava (Fifer) Deetz. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son Rodney E. Kennedy who died in August of 2002.

She was a homemaker, a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Maxine Circle of the church.

She married Raymond Kennedy on Sept. 11, 1949, in her parent's home and he survives.

She is also survived by a daughter in law, Sharon Kennedy of Auburn; grandchildren, Aaron (Heather) Kennedy of Auburn, and Kelly (John) Richie of Avilla; great grandchildren, Allyssa Richie, Jonathon Richie, Ava Kennedy and Cole Kennedy.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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Susan Lipscomb

KENDALLVILLE — Susan Kay Lipscomb, 52, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 11, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lipscomb was born in Warsaw on Oct. 25, 1957, to Darrel and Ilah Kay (Roberts) Grindle. She married Carl F. Burkhart who died Dec. 16, 2003. She later married Gary Lee Lipscomb on Sept. 16, 2005 at Cobblestone Golf Course near Kendallville.

Mrs. Lipscomb

She was employed with DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn in the billing department. Sue was also an active volunteer working with Parkview Noble Hospice in Kendallville.

She was a very involved member of the Grace Christian Church in Kendallville, and she loved gardening both flowers and vegetables. Sue loved baking and spending time with her grandkids and her pets.

Survivors include: her husband, Gary Lipscomb of Kendallville; her mother, Ilah (Roberts) and Darrell Mort of Columbia City; her father, Darrel and Nadine Grindle of Warsaw; a daughter, Gay Anna and Nathan Mosley of Kendallville; a daughter, Nannette and Chris Chambless of Churubusco; a son, Nathan and Nessa Burkhart of Kendallville; a daughter, Elaine Allen of Fort Wayne, a daughter, Rabeca Mobley of Wolcottville; a son, Cliffton and Lacey Burkhart of Albion; a son, Mike and Sarah Lipscomb of Mongo; 20 grandchildren; a brother, Dennis and Jill Mort of Columbia City; a brother, Tony Grindle of Cromwell; a sister, Beth and Mark Didier of Fort Wayne; a sister, Tammy and Rod Hunsburger of Warsaw; and a sister, Hope Everly of Bryan, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, baby Mobley, who died in March of 2006.

Services will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Grace Christian Church, corner of Mitchell and State streets in Kendallville with Pastor Nathan Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to the church.

A video tribute may be viwed by Monday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is charge of services.

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February 15, 2010, Monday

Charles Fordyce

WOLCOTTVILLE — Charles William Fordyce, 78, of Wolcottville, died on Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Fordyce

He was born in LaOtto, Indiana on March 13, 1931 to William and Alta Mae (Bryie) Fordyce and graduated from Avilla High School in 1949. He was first married to Mildred L. Hanes on September 3, 1952, in Angola. She preceded his death on September 30, 2007. He later married June M. (Freeman) Wilson Fordyce on November 29, 2008, in South Milford, and she survives him.

Charlie owned and operated Fordyce Excavating of Wolcottville for many years before retiring in 1993. He was also employed by Wilbert Burial Vault Co. to set up vaults at the graveside as well as being contracted by several township cemeteries overseeing opening and closing of graves. Charlie was a past fire chief for the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department for about 15 years. He also owned Hart's Mobile Home Park in Wolcottville.

For many years, he and Mildred entertained folks all over northern Indiana by playing the drums in a band and calling square dances. Charlie also loved camping and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, June Fordyce of Wolcottville; four daughters, Deanna and Jerry Hart of Wolcottville, Cynthia Creech and her companion George Speakman of Milford, Candace and Howard Hoke of South Milford and Carla and William Morgan of Hampton, Va.; six grandchildren, Erica McNutt of Avilla, Robert Hart of Lagrange, Kenneth Hart of Howe, Daniel Jenkins of Angola, Kayla Jenkins of South Milford and Xavier Hoke of South Milford; six great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Terry and Chela Wilson of Plain City, Utah, and Curtis and Terri Wilson of Shipshewana; four stepdaughters, Deb and Dave King of Avilla, Janice and Dick Owens of Rome City, Becky Walker of South Milford and Carmen and Mike Stacer of Cadiz, Ky.; 13 stepgrandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Edith Buss and Alouise Moore.

Visitation will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

View a video tribute by Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Nelva Hawks

BRIMFIELD — Nelva Jean Hawks, 63, of Brimfield, died on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

To view a video tribute by today or send condolences to the family, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com

Richard Leite

ANGOLA — Richard Joseph Leite, 86, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 16, 2010, Tuesday

Nelva Hawks

BRIMFIELD — Nelva Jean Hawks,63, of Brimfield died on Saturday, February 13. 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hawks was born in Risner, Floyd County, Ky., on January 27, 1947, to the late Newton and Sina (Ousley) Davis.

She was employed at Silgan Plastics as a quality inspector for 35 years before retiring in 2001.

Mrs. Hawks

Nelva loved to joke with her family and friends, cook for her family, and do ceramics. She was always interested in new technology. Her biggest accomplishment and joy in her life was raising two great children and helping to raise her grandchildren.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Joseph Weaver of Witmer Lake, Wolcottville; one son, Frank Hawks, and his companion, Carie Beckley, both of Brimfield; eight grandchildren, Michael May of Brimfield, Frankie Hawks of Fort Wayne, Kolby Weaver of Witmer Lake, Hailey Weaver of Witmer Lake, David Weaver of Howe, and Bobbie Bontrager, Michael Shaffer, and Brooke Diehl; three brothers, Burchel Davis of Hicksville, Ohio, Virgil Davis of Angola and James Davis of Farmer, Ohio; and two sisters, Sylvia Schneider of Kendallville and Mona Ewalt of Waterloo.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Dyer and infant Ora Lee Davis.

Visitation was Monday, February 15, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Funeral services will be today, February 16, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, led by Jim Zern. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Ann Isbrandt

LAGRANGE — Ann L. Isbrandt, 72, of Lawrenceville, Ga., and formerly of LaGrange died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Rebecca Booth

ANGOLA — Rebecca Sue (Sponseller) Booth, 57, Angola, Indiana.

Mrs. Booth

Born June [illegible] 1952, in Kendallville, Indiana, and went to be with the Lord on February 13, 2010, at her home.

She is survived by a loving husband of 35 years, Brad Booth, and two children, Jared Booth and Angela DeVincent of Fort Wayne, and Brandon Booth and Missy Marckel and one granddaughter, Bree, of Angola. Rebecca was the daughter of Jane Sponseller, Nevada Mills, and the late Eugene Sponseller.

Also surviving is her brother, Craig and Jackie Sponseller of Jackson, Michigan; sisters, Cathy and Tom Hasselman of Pleasant Lake and Royann and Jim McLatcher of Angola; and sisters-in-law, Linda and Tom Christlieb of Angola and Linda and Vern Smith of LaGrange.

She also is survived by many nieces and nephews, Tarah Sponseller, Caleb and Laura, Hayden, Carson McLatcher, Curt and Bethany, Tucker, Finley, Hawkins, and Piper Hasselman. Lisa and Scott Sirianni, Jena and Mark, Stephen, Jordan Wells, Amy and Sienna McLatcher. Shelly McLatcher, Luke and Lisa Sponseller. Abigail McLatcher. Steve and Stacey, Tyler, Alexis Christlieb. Autumn, Haleigh, and Riley Seidel. Ed and Kari Gibson and Brian Smith.

Rebecca was a graduate of Fremont High School in 1970, and South Central Michigan School of Nursing in 1972.

Rebecca was employed at Cameron Memorial Hospital for the last 20 years. Previously she worked at Coldwater Hospital for 17 years. She touched many lives while working primarily in Labor and Delivery as well as throughout the hospital as a nurse for 37 years.

In Rebecca's free time she enjoyed raising and riding horses and mules. She held many positions with the Steuben County 4-H Horse and Pony Club over the past 25 years.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 18, 2010, at the Assembly of God, 645 North State Road 827, Angola, IN, and also with one hour of calling prior to services on Friday at the church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2010, at the Assembly Of God, 645 North State Road 827, Angola, Indiana, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be at the North Gilead Cemetery, near Bronson, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, a memorial fund has been set up in memory of Rebecca Booth at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola. All contributions and gifts will go to benefit the 4-H Horse and Pony Club of Steuben County.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Kenneth Parsell

FREMONT — Kenneth Fredrick Parsell, 1-month-old son of Joshua L. and Kimberly S. (Aplin) Parsell of Fremont, died Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born January 8, 2010, in Angola, Indiana.

Surviving with his parents are a sister, Mary Elizabeth Parsell of Fremont, Ind.; his maternal grandparents, Marietta and Frederick Terry Aplin of Angola, Ind.; his paternal grandmother and paternal stepgrandfather, Jonna and Jim Vingoe of Hamilton, Ind.; his maternal great-grandmother, Audrey Aplin Daunora of Fremont, Ind.; an aunt, Tracy Parsell of South Bend, Ind.; and an uncle, Travis Parsell of Auburn, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Kenneth Parsell; his paternal great-grandparents, Glenn and Princess Parsell and Gerald Dean and Joyce Sutton; his maternal great-grandparents, William and Mayme Beatty; and is materanl great-grandfather, Morris Aplin Sr.

Funeral services at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Morris Aplin Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna, Ind.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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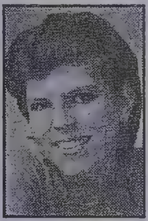
Melissa Romine

ANGOLA — Melissa Sue Romine, 25, of Angola, Indiana, passed away Sunday, February 14, 2010.


Miss Romine

She was born August 1, 1984, to David and Roxanne (Van) Romine in DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Indiana.

She worked at McDonald's in Angola. She loved her job and cared about treating her customers right.

Missy is survived by her parents David and Roxanne (Van) Romine of Lake James, Angola, Indiana; and her brother, Josh Romine of Findlay, Ohio. Also surviving are her grandparents, Cork and Sue (Quaintance) Van of Lake James, Angola, Indiana ,and Duane and Juanita (Slinker) Rose of Angola, Indiana, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Missy is preceded by her grandfather whom she never met, Richard Louis "Dick" Romine, who passed away in 1966.

Missy loved her family and friends. She also loved cooking, her art, jewelry and fashion. She will be missed by everyone.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, Indiana, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Steuben County, Indiana.

Visitation will be from noon till 1p.m., one hour before the service.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

Ray Christman

MIDDLEBURY — Ray J. Christman, 85, of Middlebury died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Elkhart Hospice House, Elkhart.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, with a 4 p.m. prayer service, at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bristol. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery at Bristol with full military graveside services.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Paul Gasparini Jr.

Paul G. "PJ" Gasparini Jr., 28, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Paul worked as a chef.

Mr. Gasparini

Surviving are his wife, Jennifer Gasparini of Hoagland; sons, Gino T. and Luca P. Gasparini; his father, Paul G. (Nancy J.) Gasparini Sr. of Monroeville; his mother, Kim (Doug) Heiser of Auburn; parents-in-law, Tim (Terri) Berry of Monroeville; sisters, Anette Gasparini of Fort Wayne and Victoria Heiser of Auburn; brothers, Chad (Tracey) Frederickson of New Haven and Brian (Rachael) Juricak of Monroeville; stepsisters, Jacqueline Ebersole and Michelle Criner; his grandmother, JoAnne Martin of Fort Wayne; his grandparents, Bob (Sharon) Schlup of Fort Wayne, Ralph Heiser of Florida and Betty Ort of New Haven; his great-grandfather, Kenneth Martin of Fort Wayne; five nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Anna Gasparini, and his great-grandmother, Macye Martin. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m.Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Nelson Pankop

CORUNNA — Nelson C. Pankop, 55, of Corunna died at 11:29 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pankop had retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

He was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born March 1, 1954, in Auburn to Harold and Doris (Imhoff) Pankop.

Surviving are his father, Harold Pankop of Corunna; his mother, Doris Fairchild of West Unity, Ohio; two sons, Adam W. Pankop of Corunna and Daniel L. Pankop of Corunna; a brother, Norman Pankop of Celina, Ohio; two sisters, Sheila Oppel of South Carolina and Leatha Fairchild of Butler; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Craig Burkolder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Richard Leite

ANGOLA — Richard Joseph Leite, 86, of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.

Mr. Leite was an aeronautical engineer of TRW. He retired in 1992.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born March 8, 1923, in Fremont, Ohio, to Carl and Marie (Dolweck) Leite. They are deceased.

He married Barbara Higgins on Nov. 19, 1955. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Mark and Karen Leite of Denver, N.C., and Jeffrey and Lynne Leite of Laguna Hills, Calif.; a daughter, Mary and Jeffrey Berlew of Angola; three brothers, Edward Leite of Fremont, Ohio, Dr. John and Jo Leite of Westerville, Ohio, and Bernard and Jean Leite of Toledo, Ohio; a sister, Mary Droll of Fostoria, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Leite, and a sister, Barbara Burns.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, with Father Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and from 9:30-10:45 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.weichtfh.com

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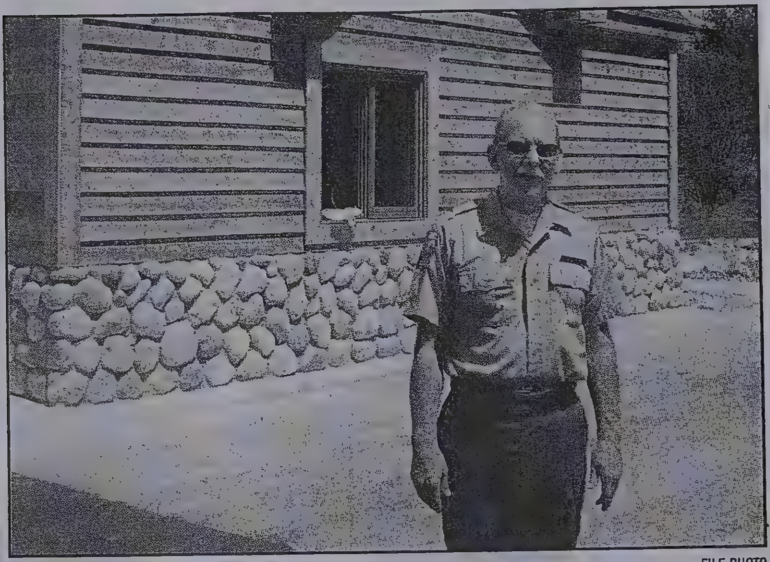

FILE PHOTO

Chain O' Lakes State Park manager Tom Sutton stands by the new gatehouse of the park in this May 24, 2009, file photo. Sutton was found dead in his residence at the park Tuesday, according to official sources.

Chain O' Lakes park manager found dead

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — The manager of Chain O' Lakes State Park was found dead in his residence Tuesday morning, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Tom Sutton had assumed the post in the spring of 2009. He followed longtime park manager Steven B. Merrill, who retired Feb. 28, 2009.

A cause of death was not immediately known, according to Indiana Conservation Officer Rod Clear. An autopsy by the Allen County Coroner's Office is set for today.

"Foul play is not suspected at this time," Clear said. "It's an ongoing investigation."

He declined to comment further.

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff confirmed that there is no evidence of foul play, but said the cause and manner of death are undetermined.

Sutton grew up in the town of Hemlock near Kokomo. He had a degree from Indiana University in telecommunications.

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MANAGER: *Sutton rose through ranks at DNR*

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After college, Sutton first managed a couple of clothing stores, but grew tired of it. A friend who managed Potato Creek State Park told him about a job running heavy equipment over different parks in the northern half of Indiana, and Sutton got the job.

After a few years, Sutton became assistant property manager at Tippecanoe River State Park. After that, he became manager at Shakamak State Park. He was there only a little more than a year when the manager's job at Tippecanoe River opened up, and he took it. That was in 1995.

After more than a decade at Tippecanoe River, Sutton said he needed more of a challenge. When Merrill said he was going to retire, Sutton came to Chain O' Lakes.

He had three grown daughters.

Patricia Panyard

FORT WAYNE — Patricia A. Panyard, 57, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital.

Surviving are her sons, Josh (Bekah) Panyard of Lawrenceville, Ga., and Donald Panyard of Fremont; a brother, Kevin (Paula) Click of Fort Wayne; sisters, Michelle Wiley, Suzy Hoolen, Stephanie Click and Beth (Daryl) Mourey, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, in 2004, and her parents, Robert and Melba Click.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

Harvey Weirich

GOSHEN — Harvey H. Weirich, 86, of Goshen died at 12:47 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at his residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity.

Jack Korte

FORT WAYNE — Jack E. Korte, 68, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries or Camp Lutherhaven.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge or arrangements.

Robert Chard

ANGOLA — Robert G. Chard, 94, died Monday evening at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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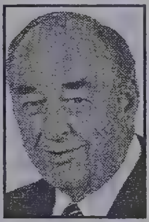
James Carper

AUBURN — James H. Carper, 82, of Auburn died Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Carper worked for the City National Bank of Auburn for 38 years, serving as CEO and president since 1966. He retired in 1989.


Mr. Carper

He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving during World War II.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and Wabash College.

He was a member and former elder of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. He was a member, past director and volunteer of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

Mr. Carper was also a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, Auburn Elks, Auburn Moose Lodge, Auburn Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, and the Mizpah Shrine. He was a past board member of the Meridian Insurance Company in Indianapolis and a former member of the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Foundation Board.

He was born May 20, 1927, in Auburn, to Hugh and Huldah (Miller) Carper. They both preceded him in death.

He married Wanda Byerly on October 17, 1954, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Teresa Carper of Charlotte, MI; three daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Michael Cline of Indianapolis, Judy Carper of Auburn, and Jamie and Jay Danielsen of Novi, MI; one sister, Elizabeth Weinert of Auburn; five grandchildren and their spouses, Sara and Bruce Bell, Emily and Zachary Sauder, Jennifer Danielsen, Evan Danielsen, and Rob Cline; and four great-grandchildren, Bruce, Jon, Elizabeth, and Anna.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Auburn Presbyterian Church, 111 West Twelfth St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Youth For Christ, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Ann Isbrandt

HOWE — Ann L. Isbrandt, 72, of Howe died at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, February 14, 2010, while visiting her daughter for the winter in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Ann was a homemaker.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, reading and genealogy.

She was born Jan. 4, 1938, in Long Island, N.Y., to Donald L. and Mary Beth (Perkins) Jennings. She married Donald Isbrandt on August 14, 1956, in Ferndale, Mich. He preceded her in death on December 23, 1999.

Surviving are three daughters, Kathleen Hampton of Downers Grove, Ill., Suanne Scofield of Lombard, Ill., and Mary Marchello of Lawrenceville, Ga.; a brother, Larry Jennings of Howe; a sister, Kay Elzey of Sycamore, Ill.; a cousin, Linda Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; two good friends, Suzanne O'Connor of Maine and Nancy Jackson of Traverse City, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Ken Weaver of the Presbyterian Church in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or ARK Animal Rescue & Adoption Inc.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Eileen Kohne

FORT WAYNE — Eileen L. Kohne, 83, passed away Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Coventry Meadows LLC in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kohne was a native of Fort Wayne and a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Church and the Purdue University Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Kohne

Mrs. Kohne had volunteered at Lutheran Hospital.

Surviving are two daughters, Louisa (George J.) Zimmerman of Decatur and Shawn (Anthony) DeVido of Hoagland; a son, Kelly (Lisa A.) Kohne of Wolcottville; her grandchildren, G. Scott (Amy) Zimmerman, Wendy L. (Mark) Winget, Kyle J. Kohne, Jason P. Kohne, Joshua E. Kohne, Brittni DeVido, Alexis E. DeVido and Haleigh M. DeVido; and her great-grandchildren, Alyssa Winget and Dalton and Mya Zimmerman.

Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Louisa Kahoe, and her husband, James Kohne.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hessen Cassel, 11337 Old U.S. 27 S with Father Thomas Lombardi officiating. Prayers will be at 9:45 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave.

Burial will be in St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana.

Prayers at the Funeral Home at 9:45 am.

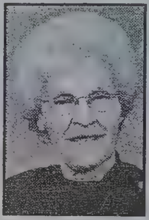
Calling will be at D.O. McComb and Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Thursday, February 18, 2010, from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Burial in St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic Cemetery, Allen County, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic School.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Myrtle Hornett

AUBURN — Myrtle J. "Bessie" Hornett, 81, of Auburn died Monday, February 15, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mrs. Hornett

Mrs. Hornett worked for the Rieke Corporation for over 25 years, retiring in 1998.

Bessie spent countless weekends at her home on Marble Lake in Michigan often joined by her family in many outdoor activities. The whole family made yearly trips to Canada where they enjoyed fishing and boating together. She loved baking and sharing it with other people, but her true passion was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Indian Village Church of God in Auburn.

She was born on June 13, 1928, in Spencerville to Henry and Louise (Palmer) Bry.

She married Charles Hornett Jr. on September 21, 1947, in Auburn. They where loving companions until he passed away on November 13, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra S. Smith of Auburn, and Patty A. and Chuck Dunahay of Elida, Ohio; one sister, Virginia Finley of Auburn; four grandchildren, Matt Smith and his companion Diane Zolman, Christy Smith, Nicole Sholler, and Nathan and Brittany Dunahay; and five great-grandchildren, Cain Smith, Scarlett Smith, Gage Everidge, Laine Middleton and Wade Sholler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Sam Bry, Edward Bry and Charles Bry; and two sisters, Mildred Shoudel, and Helen Kaiser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will take place in the Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

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Hilda Glass

AVILLA — Hilda I. Glass, 95, formerly of Kendallville and Avilla, died Feb. 14, 2010, while on winter break in Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Glass worked in the Avilla School cafeteria for 25 years.

She was a graduate of Avilla High School.

Mrs. Glass

Hilda loved being outside tending to her flowers and had to watch the "Young and the Restless" and "Wheel of Fortune" everyday. She also enjoyed going to casinos even at the age of 95. Most of all she loved being surrounded by her grandchildren.

She was born on June 12, 1914, in Avilla to Thomas and Ethel (Owen) Cramer. They are both deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Connie Glass of Kendallville; a son-in-law, John Cluver of Lowell, Ind.; a sister, Thelmas Leitch of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Ginger Forbes, Corey (Mindy) Glass of Kendallville, Marna (Eric) Meyer of Indianapolis, and Michael (Paula) Cluver of West Virginia; and 10 great-grandchildren, Keith (Melinda) Forbes of Kendallville, Trey Forbes at Manchester College, Taylor, Josh, Brianna and Joel Glass of Kendallville, Julia and John M. Cluver of West Virginia, and Madelyn and Mason Meyer of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dae; her daughter, Sandra Cluver; and brothers, Orlo and Wilbur Cramer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Glass are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Pallbearers will be Corey Glass, Keith Forbes, Trey Forbes, Michale Cluver, Gary Boner and Eric Meyer.

Memorials may be made out to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Freeman Schmucker

SHIPSHEWANA — Freeman L. Schmucker, 79, of Shipshewana died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at his residence.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the John Allen Yoder home. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Send online condolences at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Nelson Pankop

CORUNNA — Nelson C. Pankop, 55, of Corunna died at 11:29 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pankop had retired from Kraft Foods in Kendallville.

He was a 1971 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born March 1, 1954, in Auburn to Harold and Doris (Imhoff) Pankop.

Surviving are his father, Harold Pankop of Corunna; his mother, Doris Fairchild of West Unity, Ohio; two sons, Adam W. Pankop of Corunna and Daniel L. Pankop of Corunna; a brother, Norman Pankop of Celina, Ohio; two sisters, Sheila Oppel of South Carolina and Leatha Fairchild of Butler; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, David C. Pankop in 2003 and Phillip W. Pankop in 1979.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Craig Burkolder officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Russell Nelson Hicks, 75

WAWAKA – Russell Nelson Hicks, age 75, of Wawaka died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 in his Wawaka home.

He was born in Caretta, West Virginia on December 8, 1934 to the late Ruben High and Sally Melinda (Pearson) Hicks.

He served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1955.

He married Dorothy Mae Ridenour on September 9, 1962 in Nolan, West Virginia. She survives in Wawaka.

Mr. Hicks last worked at Ternet Metal Finishing in Avilla and retired from there in March 2009. Prior to that he worked at Lane, Newman, and Dalton Foundry in Kendalllville and the Auburn Foundry in Auburn.

Mr. Hicks loved to serve the Lord and he and his wife attended the Full Gospel Revival Center in Rome City.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and motorcycle riding. More than anything he loved to spend time with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include: his wife, Dorothy Hicks of Wawaka; five daughters, Kathleen Hicks Simpkins of Kendallville, Barbara Hicks Harrington of Waterloo, Thelma Melinda Hicks of Wolcottville, Amy Sue Davis of Louisville, Kentucky, Amanda Kay (Alan) Zimmerman of Goshen; two sons, Ronnie Lee (Teresa) Hicks of Brimfield, Ruben (Sandra) Hicks of Kendallville; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren; one brother-In-Law; R.S. VanHoose Sr. of Williamson, West Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Ronnie's twin, Lonnie D. Hicks, died April 4, 1963; son, Russell Jr. passed away June 26, 1968; four brothers, Uyless, Dallas Sr., Warren and Robert Hicks; one sister; Thelma VanHoose.

Funeral Services were February 13, 2010 at Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City.

Officiating the funeral service were Willie Collins and Ergil Calhoun.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Casketbearers were Rod Elkins, Alan Zimmerman, Jonathan Newell, Adam Zimmerman, Scottie Jacobs, Matthew Slabaugh and Michael Newell.

Daisy Langer, 82

AVILLA - Daisy Langer, age 82, died Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 3:30 AM at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Langer was born January 12, 1928 in Mock, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Courtney and Mary Belle (Allen) Parks, both deceased. She came to Avilla in 1958 after living in Churubusco.

In July of 1957 she married Ronald H. Langer. He died on October 28, 2008. In her younger years she worked at Wayne Candy in Fort Wayne, but for most of her life, she was a homemaker to her husband and children. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and crafts.

Surviving are two sons, Terry (Donna) Langer of LaOtto, and Keith (Emily) Langer of Avilla; a daughter, Janet Lanning of Avilla; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; six sisters, Gladys Clem of Columbia City, Verna Greene of Merriville, Audrey Burkey of Goshen, Joyce Stevens of Sydney, Patty Haarer of Goshen, and Sharon Haarer of Goshen; and a brother, Jim Parks of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and three sisters.

Funeral service for Mrs. Langer was February 13, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Tom Novy from Provena Sacred Heart Home officiated.

Burial was at the South Park Annex Cemetery near Columbia City.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit-www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Charles William Fordyce, 78

WOLCOTTVILLE – Charles William Fordyce, age 78, of Wolcottville, died on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

He was born in Laotto, Indiana on March 13, 1931 to William and Alta Mae (Bryie) Fordyce and graduated from Avilla High School in 1949.

He was first married to Mildred L. Hanes on September 3, 1952 in Angola. She preceded his death September 30, 2007. He later married June M. (Freeman) Wilson Fordyce on November 29, 2008 in South Milford and she survives him.

Charlie owned and operated Fordyce Excavating of Wolcottville for many years before retiring in 1993.

He was also employed by Wilbert Burial Vault Company to set up vaults at the graveside as well as being contracted by several township cemeteries overseeing opening and closing of graves.

Charlie was a past fire chief for the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department for about fifteen years.

He also owned Hart's Mobile Home Park in Wolcottville.

For many years, he and Mildred entertained folks all over northern Indiana by playing the drums in a band and calling square dances. Charlie also loved camping and fishing.

Survivors include: wife, June Fordyce of Wolcottville; four daughters, Deanna (Jerry) Hart of Wolcottville, Cynthia Creech and her companion George Speakman of Milford, Indiana, Candace (Howard) Hoke of South Milford, Carla (William) Morgan of Hampton, Virginia; six grandchildren, Erica McNutt of Avilla, Robert Hart of Lagrange, Kenneth Hart of Howe, Daniel Jenkins of Angola, Kayla Jenkins of South Milford, and Xavier Hoke of South Milford; six great-grandchildren; two stepsons, Terry (Chela) Wilson of Plain City, Utah, Curtis (Terri) Wilson of Shipshewana; four stepdaughters, Deb (Dave) King of Avilla, Janice (Dick) Owens of Rome City, Becky Walker of South Milford, and Carmen (Mike) Stacer of Cadiz, Kentucky; thirteen step grandchildren and eleven step great-grandchildren; sisters, Edith Buss and Alouise Moore.

Funeral Services were February 17, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Clarence Combs.

Burial was at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Beverly E. Kennedy, 78

AUBURN — Beverly E. Kennedy, 78, of Auburn died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 28, 1931, in Helmer, Ind., to Warren A. and Wava (Fifer) Deetz. She was preceded in death by her parents and a son Rodney E. Kennedy who died in August of 2002.

She was a homemaker, a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and the Maxine Circle of the church.

She married Raymond Kennedy on Sept. 11, 1949, in her parent's home and he survives.

She is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Sharon Kennedy of Auburn; grandchildren, Aaron (Heather) Kennedy of Auburn, and Kelly (John) Richie of Avilla; great grandchildren, Allyssa Richie, Jonathon Richie, Ava Kennedy and Cole Kennedy.

Services were Feb. 16, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, Ind. Burial was in Fairfield Cemetery, Corunna.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church

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Nelva Jean Hawks, 63

BRIMFIELD – Nelva Jean Hawks, age 63, of Brimfield, died on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hawks was born in Risner, Floyd County, Kentucky on January 27, 1947 to the late Newton and Sina (Ousley) Davis.

She was employed at Silgan Plastics as a quality inspector for 35 years before retiring in 2001.

Nelva loved to joke with her family and friends, cook for her family, and do ceramics.

She was always interested in new technology.

Her biggest accomplishment and joy in her life was raising two great children and helping to raise her grandchildren.

Survivors include: a daughter, Valerie (Joseph) Weaver of Witmer Lake, Wolcottville; a son, Frank Hawks and his companion, Carie Beckley both of Brimfield; eight grandchildren, Michael May of Brimfield, Frankie Hawks of Fort Wayne, Kolby Weaver of Witmer Lake, Hailey Weaver of Witmer Lake, David Weaver of Howe, Bobbie Bontrager, Michael Shaffer, and Brooke Diehl; three brothers, Burchel Davis of Hicksville, Ohio, Virgil Davis of Angola, and James Davis of Farmer, Ohio; two sisters, Sylvia Schneider of Kendallville, and Mona Ewalt of Waterloo.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Louise Dyer and infant, Ora Lee Davis.

Funeral Services were February 16, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Susan Kay Lipscomb, 52

KENDALLVILLE – Susan Kay Lipscomb, age 52, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lipscomb was born in Warsaw on October 25, 1957 to Darrel and Ilah Kay (Roberts) Grindle.

She married Carl F. Burkhart who died December 16, 2003. She later married Gary Lee Lipscomb on September 16, 2005 at Cobblestone Golf Course near Kendallville.

She was employed with Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn in the billing department.

Sue was also an active volunteer worker with Parkview Noble Hospice in Kendallville.

She was a very involved member of the Grace Christian Church in Kendallville and she loved gardening both flowers and vegetables. Sue loved baking and spending time with her grandkids and her pets.

She was an avid hot air balloonist where she was the crew chief and chaser.

Survivors include: her husband, Gary Lipscomb of Kendallville; mother, Ilah (Roberts) and Darrell Mort of Columbia City; father, Darrel and Nadine Grindle of Warsaw; four daughters, Gay Anna (Nathan) Mosley of Kendallville, Nannette (Chris) Chambless of Churubusco, Elaine Allen of Fort Wayne, and Rabeca Mobley of Wolcottville; four sons, Nathan (Nessa) Burkhart of Kendallville, Cliffton (Lacey)Burkhart of Albion, Mike (Sarah) Lipscomb of Kendallville, and William (Kari) Lipscomb of Mongo; twenty grandchildren; two brothers, Dennis (Jill) Mort of Columbia City, and Tony Grindle of Cromwell; four sisters, Beth (Mark) Didier of Fort Wayne, Tammy (Rod) Hunsburger of Warsaw, Crystal (Mark) Herendeen of Albion, Hope Everly of Bryan, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Baby Mobley who died March 2006.

Funeral Services were February 16, 2010 at Grace Christian Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Nathan Mosley.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Preferred Memorials may be made to to the church.

Services were in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

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John C. Hartman, 71

ASHLEY — John C. Hartman, 71, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2010, at his home in Ashley.

Born in Fort Wayne, John worked as a self-employed Cabinet Maker for 25 years, retiring in 2001.

He was a 1956 graduate of Central Catholic High School, a current member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo and a U.S. Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara J. (Morris) Hartman of Ashley; a son, William Hartman of Columbia City; a son, James Hartman of Churubusco; a son,Timothy Hartman of Rome City; a son, Michael Hartman of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Amy (James) Kleeman of London, Ohio; a son, David (Sarah) Hartman of Wawaka; grandchildren, Justin, Andrew, Morgan, Michaela and Nathaniel Hartman, and Kyle and Lauren Kleeman; a brother, Philip Hartman; sisters, Patricia Hartman-Hoeppner, Carolyn (Dale) Snyder and Marolyn (Leon) Krauss; and sisters-in-law, Mary Bordner and Kathleen Morris.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Paul and Vera Louise Hartman, and brother, Thomas Hartman.

Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Jude Catholic Church. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mary K. Preston, 94

LAGRANGE — Mary K. "Kate" Preston, 94, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Preston was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

She retired from Farmers State Bank where she had worked as a teller.

Mrs. Preston was a member of the LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

She was born on April 16, 1915, in Topeka to Irvin and Ella (Moseman) Fought. She married Denver Otis Preston on Dec. 17, 1936, in Wolcottville. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1961.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley (Sam) Cline of Jonesboro, Ga.; a son, Larry L. (Gloria) Preston of LaGrange; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Imogene (Clayton) Preston of Albion and Joan Keplinger, Jane (Dean) Ulrey and Janice Keenan, all of LaGrange.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Helen Woodworth, Ilah Donaldson and Phyllis Myers.

Funeral services were at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Revs. Carldean Merrifield and Chris Danielson officiating. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery in rural Howe.

Memorials are to LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

Hilda I. Glass, 95

KENDALLVILLE

Hilda I. Glass, age 95, formerly of Kendallville and Avilla, died February 14, 2010 while on winter break in Bradenton, Florida.

She was born on June 12, 1914 in Avilla and was the daughter of Thomas and Ethel (Owen) Cramer, both deceased.

She was a graduate of Avilla High School, and a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. Mrs. Glass worked in the Avilla school cafeteria for 25 years.

Surviving are a son, Richard (Connie) Glass of Kendallville; a son-in-law, John Cluver of Lowell, Indiana; a sister, Thelmas Leitch of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Ginger Forbes, Corey (Mindy) Glass of Kendallville, Marna (Eric) Meyer of Indianapolis, and Michael (Paula) Cluver of West Virginia; ten great grandchildren, Keith (Melinda) Forbes of Kendallville, Trey Forbes at Manchester College, Taylor, Josh, Brianna and Joel Glass of Kendallville, Julia and John M. Cluver of West Virginia, and Madelyn and Mason Meyer of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Dae, her daughter, Sandra Culver, and brothers, Orlo and Wilbur Cramer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Glass are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made out to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Brazzell Funeral Homes are in change of the arrangements.

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Aneurysm killed park manager

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — The property manager of Chain O' Lakes State Park died of an aneurysm, according to Noble County Coroner Terry Gaff.

An autopsy conducted by the Allen County Coroner's Office Wednesday revealed that Tom Sutton, 56, had died of natural causes, Gaff said. "He had a dissecting aortic aneurysm."

Sutton was found dead in his residence on the grounds of Chain O' Lakes State Park early Tuesday, according to Noble County E-911 dispatch records. The first call came into 911 at 6:32 a.m.

With such an aneurysm in the large vessel that carried blood from the chest, a rip develops in the vessel's wall, Gaff explained. Blood leaks into the wall, causing the wall to close the blood vessel off.

The chances of surviving an aneurysm of this type are only about 20 percent if it's caught immediately, Gaff said.

Sutton assumed the post at Chain O' Lakes State Park in the spring of 2009, following longtime park manager Steven B. Merrill, who retired Feb. 28, 2009.

An obituary for Sutton appears on Page A4.

Tom Sutton

ALBION — Tom Bly Sutton, 56, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at his residence at Chain O' Lakes State Park where he served as the park's property manager.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frain Mortuary in Winamac.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Nature Conservancy.

Kenneth Lemley

CHURUBUSCO — Kenneth L. Lemley Sr., 79, of Churubusco died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

There will be no calling hours, and private family services will be held at a later date.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 636, Columbia City, IN 46725; or to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Ford Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave a condolence for the family, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Robert Marti

KENDALLVILLE — Robert N. "Bob" Marti, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent online to www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Andrew Mast

TOPEKA — Andrew L. Mast, 91, of Topeka died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family residence, 7335 W - 100 S, Topeka, with Bishop Ervin Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in rural Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day of Friday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Freeman Schmucker

SHIPSHEWANA — Freeman L. Schmucker, 79, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Schmucker was a farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 19, 1930, in Goshen to Levi D. and Susie (Hershberger) Schmucker. He married Ida E. Miller on Feb. 19, 1957, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Marlin (Rosemary) Schmucker of Middlebury, LeRoy Schmucker of Elkhart, Raymond (Jamie) Schmucker of Syracuse and Vernon (Irene) Schmucker of Shipshewana; four daughters, Edna Fern (Harvey) Kauffman of Middlebury, Mary Sue (Ernest) Fry of Goshen, Ruby (Marion) Miller of Vienna, Ill., and Rebecca (Glenn) Miller of Vienna, Ill.; 48 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Ida Mae Schmucker of Goshen; and five brothers, Ivan (Laura) Schmucker of Kingston, Wis., Vernon (Edna) Schmucker of Goshen, Lloyd Schmucker of Goshen, Rudy (Mary) Schmucker of Winchester, Ohio, and Levi Lee (Viola) Schmucker of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stillborn daughter, Laura Mae Schmucker; a grandson, Glen Fry who died February 10, 2010; and a brother, Leroy Schmucker.

Calling will be after all day today at the family's residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the John Allen Yoder residence with Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

William Hettinger

ANGOLA — William D. Hettinger died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Mildred Webb

BUTLER — Mildred I. Webb, 80, died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, in Fremont, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Dorothy Werkheiser

GARRETT — Dorothy Werkheiser, 78, of Garrett, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

A full obituary will appear in Friday's edition.

Donald Bauer

ANGOLA —Donald C. Bauer, 80, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Shane Terry

SOUTH MILFORD — Shane A. Terry, 33, of South Milford died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

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Ruthanne Brewster

CROMWELL — Ruthanne Brewster, 74, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 22, 1935, the daughter of the late Albert and Frances Hieniger. She married Lewis A. Brewster on March 27, 1954.

Mrs. Brewster attended Elmhurst High School.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Allen County.

Mrs. Brewster was the first Den Mother and Den Leader Coach of Pack 3410 and was honored for 20 years of service for Scouting.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis A. Brewster of Cromwell, Ind.; son, Lewis G. (Christy) Brewster of Fort Wayne, Ind.; son, Timothy A. (Lori) Brewster of Sugarland, Texas; son, Christopher A. Brewster of Cromwell, Ind.; daughter, Laura A. Gunkel of Albion, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Amanda (Gunkel) Kemerly, Christina (Brewster) Hildebrand, Tiffany (Brewster) Malone, Mindy Brewster, Steven A. Brewster, Angela Brewster, Megan and Morgan Pfeiffer, and Ryan Brewster; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Rex Brewster.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or Disabled Veterans.

C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Hilda Glass

AVILLA — Hilda I. Glass, 95, formerly of Kendallville and Avilla, died Feb. 14, 2010, while on winter break in Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Glass worked in the Avilla School cafeteria for 25 years.

She was a graduate of Avilla High School.

Mrs. Glass

Hilda loved being outside tending to her flowers and had to watch the "Young and the Restless" and "Wheel of Fortune" everyday. She also enjoyed going to casinos even at the age of 95. Most of all she loved being surrounded by her grandchildren.

She was born on June 12, 1914, in Avilla to Thomas and Ethel (Owen) Cramer. They are both deceased.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Connie Glass of Kendallville; a son-in-law, John Cluver of Lowell, Ind.; a sister, Thelmas Leitch of Churubusco; four grandchildren, Ginger Forbes, Corey (Mindy) Glass of Kendallville, Marna (Eric) Meyer of Indianapolis, and Michael (Paula) Cluver of West Virginia; and 10 great-grandchildren, Keith (Melinda) Forbes of Kendallville, Trey Forbes at Manchester College, Taylor, Josh, Brianna and Joel Glass of Kendallville, Julia and John M. Cluver of West Virginia, and Madelyn and Mason Meyer of Indianapolis.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Dae; her daughter, Sandra Cluver; and brothers, Orlo and Wilbur Cramer.

Funeral services for Mrs. Glass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Corey Glass, Keith Forbes, Trey Forbes, Michale Cluver, Gary Boner and Eric Meyer.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made out to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

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Robert Chard

ANGOLA — Robert G. Chard, 94, of Angola died at 9:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Chard

Mr. Chard was a lifetime farmer. He also operated a farm implement business from 1950-1968 and had served on the Steuben County Farm Service Agency Board of Directors.

He was a member of North Scott Church and Angola Christian Church, where he served as an elder at both churches as well as serving on both church boards.

He was born on June 9, 1915, in Angola to Emmett and Pearl (Beard) Chard. He married Irene Eatinger on Nov. 28, 1937, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Lee and Mary Lou Chard of Angola and Dale L. and Ginny Chard of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Jim Sparks of Nevada and Janice and Dave Kirchenbauer of Van Wert, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a sister-in-law, Onita Chard of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Burton; and an infant sister, Esther.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with calling one hour prior to services. Pastor Jim Hulbert and Mike Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery near Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Scott Church and Angola Christian Church.

Friends may sign a guest book and view a video tribute at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Rebecca Booth

ANGOLA — Rebecca Sue (Sponseller) Booth, 57, Angola, Indiana.

Born June 9th, 1952, in Kendallville, Indiana, and went to be with the Lord on February 13, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Booth

She is survived by a loving husband of 35 years, Brad Booth, and two children, Jared Booth and Angela DeVincent of Fort Wayne, and Brandon Booth and Missy Marckel and one granddaughter, Bree, of Angola. Rebecca was the daughter of Jane Sponseller, Nevada Mills, and the late Eugene Sponseller.

Also surviving is her brother, Craig and Jackie Sponseller of Jackson, Michigan; sisters, Cathy and Tom Hasselman of Pleasant Lake and Royann and Jim McLatcher of Angola; mother-in-law, Joan Booth Penix of Orland; and sisters-in-law, Linda and Tom Christlieb of Angola and Linda and Vern Smith of LaGrange.

She also is survived by many nieces and nephews, Tarah Sponseller, Caleb and Laura, Hayden, Carson McLatcher, Curt and Bethany, Tucker, Finley, Hawkins, and Piper Hasselman. Lisa and Scott Sirianni, Jena and Mark, Stephen, Jordan Wells, Amy and Sienna McLatcher. Shelly McLatcher, Luke and Lisa Sponseller. Abigail McLatcher. Steve and Stacey, Tyler, Alexis Christlieb. Autumn, Haleigh, and Riley Seidel. Ed and Kari Gibson and Brian and Jenny Smith.

Rebecca was a graduate of Fremont High School in 1970, and South Central Michigan School of Nursing in 1972.

Rebecca was employed at Cameron Memorial Hospital for the last 20 years. Previously she worked at Coldwater Hospital for 17 years. She touched many lives while working primarily in Labor and Delivery as well as throughout the hospital as a nurse for 37 years.

In Rebecca's free time she enjoyed raising and riding horses and mules. She held many positions with the Steuben County 4-H Horse and Pony Club over the past 25 years.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 18, 2010, at the Assembly of God, 645 North State Road 827, Angola, IN, and also with one hour of calling prior to services on Friday at the church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2010, at the Assembly Of God, 645 North State Road 827, Angola, Indiana, with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be at the North Gilead Cemetery, near Bronson, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, a memorial fund has been set up in memory of Rebecca Booth at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola. All contributions and gifts will go to benefit the 4-H Horse and Pony Club of Steuben County.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Thomas Hanselman

ANGOLA — Thomas Morton Hanselman, 88, of Angola died Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Hanselman served as sheriff of Steuben County from 1959 to 1966. He then served as chief probation officer until he retired in 1986.

Mr. Hanselman

He has served as chairman of the Steuben County Republican Party and president of the Indiana Sheriff's Association. He had also served on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Hanselman was a Past Master of the Angola Masonic Lodge and past president of the Indiana Farm Bureau.

He was a member of the Angola Christian Church, Angola Eastern Star and the Angola Lions Club.

Mr. Hanselman received the Sagamore of the Wabash award.

He was born November 24, 1921, in Angola to Clarence and Lela D. (Sutton) Hanselman. He married Clela Marcella Eggleston on March 1, 1942. She died October 16, 2008.

Surviving are a son, David and Vicki Hanselman of Bluffton; two daughters, Ruth Ann and Howard Crum of Lexington, Ky., and Barbara Hanselman of Angola; seven grandchildren, Steve Crum, Lorri Fergerson, David Hanselman Jr., Krista Hernandez, Matthew Hanselman, Joshua Hornbacher and Sara Robinson; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Russell Hanselman; and a sister, Helen Swift.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery at Angola.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Angola Christian Church and the Lake James Assembly.

Sign a guestbook online at www.weichtfh.com.

Donald Bauer

ANGOLA — Donald C. Bauer, 80, passed away Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at his home.

Born in McKeesport, Pa., March 12, 1929, he was an avid outdoorsman who especially enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.

Most importantly he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and dear friend.

Mr. Bauer

He was a veteran of the Marine Corps and served from 1948-1952. He was in the Korean Conflict and was wounded and spent time in Japan as a MP.

He married Jane Anderson in 1953.

He was employed by Hall's Restaurant for 15 years, Hardware Wholesaler for 20 years and Lutheran Hospital security for 20 years. He retired in 2000.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Donald was and always will be remembered as "The Last of the Good Guys."

Donald is survived by his wife, Jane; daughters, Cathy (Coe) Huddleston and Judy (Casey) Kendregan; and sons, Gary, Jeff and Tom; and sisters, Rita Berkman, Carol (Fritz) O'Connell, Mary "Jean" Conn and Elaine (Harry) Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his four brothers and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, February 22, 2010, at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Friends may sign a guest book for Mr. Bauer at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Mildred Webb

BUTLER — Mildred I. Webb, 80, formerly of Butler died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Transitional Health Services of Fremont, Mich.

Mrs. Webb retired from Crane Edmund and Edgerton Metals.

She was born July 29, 1929, in DeKalb County to Gordon and Mary (Clark) Collins. She married Donald Webb on Aug. 25, 1948, in Butler. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1990.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Rex and April Webb of Butler, Rick Webb of Fort Wayne and Roger and Maria Webb of Homestead, Fla.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and LeRoy Sleesman of Bryan, Ohio, Rosanne and Jake Reas of Hesperia, Mich., and Rebecca and David Crody of Cotpaxi, Colo.; a sister, Alice Holman of Angola; a brother, Donald Collins of Ney, Ohio; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Mabel Poole, Edith Johnston, Lenore Trausch and Naomi Fields, and a brother, Harold Collins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's research.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert Marti

KENDALLVILLE — Robert N. "Bob" Marti, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Marti

Mr. Marti retired as an iron worker for Local 147 in Fort Wayne. He was also a handyman.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 22, 1935, in Avilla to Raymond and Alma (Hammel) Marti. He married Faith Perkins on Dec. 31, 1953. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Roxann and Bill Ebert of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Suzanna Marti of Jones, Mich., and Michael and Vikki Marti of Huntertown; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Gail Marti of South Milford.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Marti; two brothers, Donald Marti and Richard Marti; and a sister, Doris Schlotter.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak Street, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Maureen Johnson

BLOOMINGTON — Maureen L. Johnson, 69, of Bloomington died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Bell Trace Health & Living Center in Blooming.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Vallonia Cemetery in Vallonia. A memorial gathering will follow at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Bloomington with a service at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

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William Hettinger

ANGOLA — William "Dave" Hettinger, 53, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Hettinger worked at Metal Spinners.

Mr. Hettinger

He was born June 5, 1956, in Fort Wayne to William and Doris (Minton) Hettinger.

Survivors include his wife, Kitty Sue Hettinger, whom he married June 5, 1999.

Also surviving are three sons, David Hettinger of Fort Wayne, Joseph Hettinger of Fort Wayne and Gary Hettinger of Milford; a daughter, Dawn Ralstin of Angola; two brothers, Gary Hettinger of Fort Wayne and Barry Hettinger of Fort Wayne; a sister, Pam Prugh of Fort Wayne; and 10 grandchildren.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Joan North officiating.

Dorothy Adams

CHURUBUSCO — Dorothy A. Adams, 69, of Churubusco died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at her residence.

Mrs. Adams assisted her husband, Lyle, with their dairy farm and had also been employed at Noble Wire near Albion for six years, retiring in 2005.

Mrs. Adams

She attended the Ari Church of God, east of Churubusco.

Mrs. Adams graduated in 1958 from Churubusco High School.

She was born on March 3, 1940, in Noble County to Dale F. and LaVelda K. "Betty" (Keller) McCoy. She married D. Lyle Adams on March 24, 1962, in Ari. He preceded her in death in 2004.

Surviving are her sons, Doug (Sherry) Adams, Rod (Pam) Adams and Scott (Sheila) Adams, all of Churubusco; her mother, LaVelda K. McCoy of Avilla; two sisters, Jenniamae (Paul) King of Butler and Hermione (Ralph) Stanley of Churubusco; a brother, W. Roger (Joan) McCoy of Larwill; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her father and by a granddaughter, Abigail Susan Adams.

Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Carroll McNutt, pastor of Ari Church of God, officiating. Private interment will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 636, Columbia City, IN 46725

To leave a condolence for the family, go to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Donald Payton

LEESBURG, Fla. — Donald Lee Payton, 71, of Leesburg, Fla., and formerly of Auburn and Garrett, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, in Leesburg.

A memorial service will be held at AMVETS Post No. 1992, 32201 Amvets Way, Mt. Dora, Fla., March 8 at 2:00 p.m.

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Robert Chard

ANGOLA — Robert G. Chard, 94, of Angola died at 9:20 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, 2010, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Chard

Mr. Chard was a lifetime farmer. He also operated a farm implement business from 1950-1968 and had served on the Steuben County Farm Service Agency Board of Directors.

He was a member of North Scott Church and Angola Christian Church, where he served as an elder at both churches as well as serving on both church boards.

He was born on June 9, 1915, in Angola to Emmett and Pearl (Beard) Chard. He married Irene Eatinger on Nov. 28, 1937, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Lee and Mary Lou Chard of Angola and Dale L. and Ginny Chard of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Jim Hunter of Sparks, Nev., and Janice and Dave Kirchenbauer of Van Wert, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a sister-in-law, Onita Chard of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Burton; and an infant sister, Esther.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, with calling one hour prior to services. Pastor Jim Hulbert and Mike Hamm will officiate. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery near Angola.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Scott Church and Angola Christian Church.

Friends may sign a guest book and view a video tribute at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Shane Terry

LAGRANGE — Shane A. Terry, 33, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Terry

Mr. Terry was a factory worker.

He attended One Truth Christian Outreach in Ashley.

He was born Dec. 30, 1976, in Post, Texas.

Surviving are his wife, Carmen (DiGirolamo) Terry of Kendallville; two daughters, Haylee Terry of Kendallville and Emma Terry of Stroh; a son, Noah Terry of Stroh; two stepsons, Jaden DiGirolamo of Kendallville and Jared DiGirolamo of Kendallville; his father and mother, Rodney and Marilyn (Day) Terry of LaGrange; his biological father and stepmother, Jerry and Linda Pearson of Corunna; two sisters, Amy Rathbun of Fort Wayne and Alexandria Pearson of Corunna; and five brothers, Jerry Pearson Jr. of LaGrange, James Pearson of LaGrange, Scott Pearson of LaGrange, Jacob Pearson of Corunna and Dylan Terry of Stroh; his grandfather, Robert Day of Florida; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Paul Slone of One Truth Christian Outreach officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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The Family of Robert "Bob" Shearer

would like to thank everyone who has supported us through Bob's long illness and passing. He will be truly missed, especially in the spring when Bob could start to get out and make his rounds on his scooter.

Special thanks to: Dr. Mark Souder and his staff, Dekalb Memorial Hospital ICU staff, DeKalb EMS, Pastor Bickel and the Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 97, Feller and Clark Funeral Home, United States Marine Corps Honor Guard, Tammy Primm and all of our friends and relatives.

God Bless You All,
Jeannie Shearer,
Jason & Suzanne Shearer and family,
Jeff & Angela Shearer,
Rick & Carrie Shearer and family,
Brian & Laura Keith and family,
Lisa Shearer and family

Gail Wilcoxson

AUBURN — Gail E. Wilcoxson, 62, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Wilcoxson was currently working for the Messenger Corp. in Auburn where he has been employed for the past 45 years.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving during the Vietnam War.

He was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School.

He was born on July 4, 1947, in Fort Wayne, to Carl W. and Gladys L. (Shoudel) Wilcoxson.

He is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Audra Wilcoxson of Auburn; two aunts, Ruby Yoder of Huntertown and Marian Shoudel of Leo; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five aunts, and five uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Ken Conrad officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be directed to the NATMUS Diner Restoration Fund.

Dorothy Werkheiser

GARRETT — Dorothy Jean Werkheiser, 77 of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010.

Miss Werkheiser taught school for many years in Garrett.

She was a member of the Corunna Methodist Church and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

Miss Werkheiser was an active volunteer for the DeKalb County Council on Aging.

She was born Dec. 26, 1932, in Auburn. Her parents, Harold Raymond and Mary Margaret (Manrow) Werkheiser, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a brother and sister in-law, Harold and Judy Werkheiser of Garrett; two nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating. Burial will follow in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Council On Aging.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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Wilma Helmer

AVILLA — Wilma Margaret Helmer, age 80, died suddenly on Friday, February 19, 2010, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Helmer

She was born on November 5, 1929, in Avilla, and was the daughter of Raymond and Gertrude (Neubauer) Fischer.

Mrs Helmer was a lifetime Avilla resident and graduated from Avilla High School in 1947.

On May 6, 1950, she married Philip Charles Helmer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died on August 9, 2002.

Mrs. Helmer was a very active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, working as a secretary there for 10 years, and for many years served as the church organist. She was a member of the Rosary Society, and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Mrs. Helmer also worked as a waitress at the St. James restaurant for 10 years.

She enjoyed playing the organ, shopping and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-laws, David and Cindy Helmer and Tony and Nancy Helmer, all of Avilla; a daughter, Mary Hicoy of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Velma Carteaux of Auburn.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, James Fischer.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, February 22, 2010, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

To send online condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Joann Parks

KENDALLVILLE — Joann Helen Parks, age 79, of Kendallville, died on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Parks

Mrs. Parks was born in Noble County, Indiana, on January 4, 1931, to the late Walter and Wilma (Slagle) Swinehart.

She married Clifford Eli Parks on January 22, 1961, in Avilla, Indiana, and he preceded her death on April 7, 2003.

Joann was a homemaker and enjoyed her spending time with her family.

She was an IU and Colts fan, and enjoyed gardening, canning and freezing fruits and vegetables, having Sunday dinners with her family, cooking and baking.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Bob Bolen of rural Kendallville; her son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Tami Parks of Kendallville; her stepson, Larry Parks of Tallahassee, Florida; her grandchildren and their spouses, Jillian and Andy Schultz of Ligonier, Brooke and Scott Haney of Kendallville, Kaitlyn, Kelsey and Eli Parks all of Kendallville, and Kristen and Mark Collins and Keith and Mary Ann Parks of Florida; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Bill and George Swinehart, and her sisters, Norma Spriggs, Carol Boyles, Thelma Kruse and Violet Swinehart.

Visitation will be Monday, February 22, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with funeral services at 7 p.m.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Preferred memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Dorothy Dolsen

ANGOLA — Dorothy Gene "Queenie" Dolsen, 83, of Angola and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 15, 2010.

She and her husband had spent summers at Lake George for more than 35 years and then lived there from 1986 to 1992 before moving to Crooked Lake. She spent her winters in Punta Gorda, Fla. for many years.

Mrs. Dolsen

Mrs. Dolsen was a member of the Steuben County Women's Club and Order of Eastern Star Chapter 514.

She was a 1944 graduate of North Side High School.

She was born July 17, 1926, to Harold and Helen Struver. She married Edward H. "Slugger" Dolsen Jr. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are her sons, Steven (Cathy) Dolsen of Leo, and Gary (Debbie) Dolsen and Rick (Ann) Dolsen, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Harold "Bud" Struver of Bluffton; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a niece and a nephew.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, David E. Dolsen.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Everett Vance

LIGONIER — Everett L. Vance, 80, of Ligonier died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at his home.

Ulrey-Renner & Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Stringfellow

MIDDLEBURY — Betty J. Stringfellow, 86, of Middlebury died Friday the home of her daughter's residence in Bristol.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Mary Hinsdale

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary J. Hinsdale, 69, of Coldwater, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Coldwater, Mich., with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Doctor officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday 2-8 p.m., with the Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m., at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

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Mary Hinsdale

COLDWATER, Mich. — Mary J. Hinsdale, 69, of Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mrs. Hinsdale

She was born Jan. 3, 1941, in Coldwater to Herbert and Edith (Stout) Jepson. She married James Nowak, and he preceded her in death in 1976. She then married Larry Hinsdale on Nov. 21, 1986.

Mrs. Hinsdale was a lifelong resident of Coldwater, graduating from St. Charles School in 1959. She was a licensed practical nurse and had worked at the Community Health Center and Dr. Manohar's office, eventually retiring in 1993 from the Coldwater Regional Center after many years of nursing. Mary had continued to work in Home Healthcare after her retirement for the Commission on Aging. She was a member of St. Charles Church, where she was active with the Council of Catholic Women, and volunteered much of her time at the Burnside Senior Center.

Mrs. Hinsdale was a very talented Master Quilter and traveled extensively to learn and advance her quilting skills at trade shows and seminars. She enjoyed dancing, belonging to the Merry Mixers Square Dance Club and loved flowers, gardening and some occasional gambling at the casino. Mary enjoyed spending many winters in Florida, but most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband, Larry; her son, Jim, and his wife, Clarissa Nowak, of Bronson, Mich.; her daughters, Margie and her husband James Marvin of Union City, Mich., and Mary Kay Nowak of Coldwater; her stepdaughters, Monica Hinsdale of Coldwater and Linda and her husband Greg Kochendorfer of Quincy, Mich.; her brother, Mike, and his wife Colette Jepson of Coldwater; her sister, Cathy, and her husband Brooks Macklin of Ohio; and her grandchildren, Zachary Marvin, Mindy Vickery, Chelsea Kochendorfer, DeWayne Mundy and Garrette Kochendorfer.

In addition to her first husband, Mrs. Hinsdale was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Ralph Jepson and her stepgrandson Gregory Vickery.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Coldwater, Mich., with the Rev. Fr. Daniel Doctor officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Monday 2-8 p.m., with the Rosary to be recited at 7 p.m., at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Memorials may be directed to The CHC Foundation for the Brownie Room. Please visit dutcherfh.com to share a thought in the family online guestbook.

Clarence Humphrey

HAMILTON — Clarence Humphrey, 82, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hamilton Church of Christ, 4040 Church St., Hamilton, with Jeff Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in rural Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday prior to the funeral service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Geneva Humphrey.

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Byron McClure

FREMONT — Byron Richard "Dick" McClure, 72, died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Grelton, Ohio, on Aug. 31, 1937, to the late John Elmer and Margaret McClure.

Mr. McClure

He graduated from Defiance College where he performed in the drama club and excelled on the basketball team where he was known as "Dead Eye Dick." He initially graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and then later received his elementary and secondary principal certificates from Bowling Green State University. He was employed at Pulaski Elementary School as a principal and later at Bard's Manufacturing as a master production scheduler.

In 1958, he was united in marriage to Evelyn Mae Kohls in Glandorf, Ohio. They celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary this past summer.

Dick is survived by his wife, Evelyn, in Fremont, their oldest son, Jeff and Darlene McClure of Rocklin, Calif.; daughter Corinne and Greg Liebnau of Lambertville, Mich.; daughter Antoinette (Toni) and Rob Thorp of Cincinnati, Ohio; son Jon McClure of Toledo, Ohio; and youngest son Matt and Christina McClure of Maumee, Ohio; and nine grandchildren, Alex, Brittnay, Tyler, twins Zach and Taylor, Nicole, Cate, Eva and Liz. His sister Alma McKinnon lives in Defiance, Ohio, sister Joan Groll lives in Lexington, Ohio, and sister Carolyn Willford lives in Malinta, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by brothers Walter "Mac" McClure, Roy McClure, John McClure, Paul McClure and sisters Gretchen Shroyer, Margaret "Mickey" Crawford, and Pauline Thompson.

Dick was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, where he participated as a Eucharistic minister. Throughout his life, he enjoyed trapping, fishing, golfing, camping, praying the rosary, coin collecting and reading.

A memorial Mass for Dick will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. with a 7:30 p.m. prayer service at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, with a luncheon following at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

The guest book may be signed at weichtfh.com.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 21, 2010, Sunday

Luella McClish

KENDALLVILLE — Luella McClish, 90, died on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. McClish was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 1, 1919, to the late John and Irene (Kiper) Heine.

She graduated from Flower Technical High School in Chicago in 1937 and married Hayes L. McClish on June 8, 1940, in Kendallville and he preceded in death on Feb. 10, 1994.

Mrs. McClish

Luella was a homemaker and seamstress and member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She volunteered at the Nutrition Site in Kendallville for 12 years and was a member of the LaGrange County Homemakers Club for many years. She was past president and member of the Helmer United Methodist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service. Luella loved to read books and work on crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her four sons and daughters-in-law, Arthur and Susan McClish of Columbia City, Dan and Pat McClish of Deltona, Fla., Fred and Linda McClish of Bluffton and Bill and Kathy McClish of Big Long Lake; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law Carl Folk Jr. and his wife, Mary, of Ligonier.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11:00am at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna. Casketbearers will be her grandsons, Brad Darr, Ben Darr, Jeff McClish, Brian McClish, Jeremy McClish and Ted Shoudel.

Calling will be Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to First Christian Church in Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com

Thurman Brown

PERRYSBURG, Ohio — Thurman "Dick" Brown, 79, passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Mr. Brown

Dick was born March 4, 1930, in Brimfield, to Noah and Mabel Brown. In 1957 he married Luella McDermott in Toledo, Ohio, where he worked as a truck driver for Anderson Motor Company.

Dick was a sergeant during World War II as a Constable in the U.S. Army and was a member of the VFW Post 606. His love for adventure took him fishing, race car driving, on hot air balloons, flying planes and jumping out of them at the age of 71.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, wife Luella and siblings Leroy, Junior, Wayne, Doris and Adda.

He is survived by his brother Robert (Donna) Brown; children, Roxanna Brown Pernia, John Michael (Bonnie) Brown, Robert Alan Brown, James William (Sandy) Brown; his niece Kathy (Jeff) Melvin; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; many great-nieces and great-nephews; and dear friends Rosie (Matt) Harvey and Ruby Middaugh.

"Dick Brown has left behind a legacy of love and strength that will shine every day in the faces of his family. He was the greatest man we will ever know."

Friends may visit the family on Monday from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Walker Funeral Home located at 5155 Sylvania Ave., west of Corey Road, where services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. by longtime family friend Pastor Kay Laraby.

Interment will follow at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Northwest Ohio 30000 River Rd. Perrysburg, OH 43551. Condolences may be sent to the family at walkerfuneralhomes.com.

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Cyrus Johnson

AUBURN — Cyrus F. Johnson, 78, of Auburn died Friday Feb.19, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 2, 1931, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Forrest L. and Nina (Fisher) Johnson. He was a 1950 graduate of Angola High School, graduate of Tri State University, attended Indiana University and received his master's degree from St. Francis College. He worked for Cooper Industrial Products in the accounting department for more than 30 years, retiring in 1992 as accounting manager.

Mr. Johnson

Cy was a unique human being who stepped to the beat of a different drummer. His slogans were "Do it," "Life is not a dress rehearsal," "Simplify" (which he did not do), and "Be prepared." He was a true adventurer who ran marathons, climbed mountains and had been to all the continents, backpacking all over the world. In the U.S. he climbed the Grand Tetons, Devil's Tower, Sierra Nevada's, San Juan, as well as hiking parts of the Appalachian Trail including the end of the trail at Mount Katahdin in Maine. He trekked in Nepal and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya in Africa. He was the captain of his yacht which complimented his service with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Among these many things, Cy will also be remembered for his disaster relief work with the American Red Cross after Hurricane Katrina, Andrew and others.

He served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, member and past president of the Auburn Lions Club, Ham Radio Club, Toastmasters Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He married Ramona Jane Smurr in June of 1955 in Angola and she died Oct. 25, 1979. On May 2, 1987, he married Evelyn Heimach in the Auburn Presbyterian Church and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Sheila Johnson of Auburn; a daughter, Cynthia Johnson of Valparaiso; four stepsons William G. (Julie) Heimach of Auburn, the Rev. Robert A. (Jennifer) Heimach of Indianapolis, Frederick Heimach of Auburn and Kevin (Kristine) Heimach of Garrett; two stepdaughters, Sandy (Bill) Kurtz of Nappanee and Julie (Stan) Haiflich of Auburn; two granddaughters, Susan Johnson and Sarah Johnson; 11 stepgrandchildren; a brother, Forrest Johnson Jr. of South Bend; four nephews and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, a granddaughter, Sarah Danielle Guinn, and two brothers Sanford Johnson and one who died in infancy.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Lyle Ewing and the Rev. Thomas Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 Center Street, Auburn, and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes or the American Red Cross.

THE NEWS SUN
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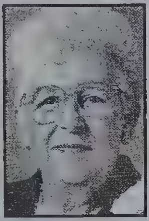
February 21, 2010, Sunday

Carrie Kline

KENDALLVILLE — Carrie Rose Kline, 84, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2010, at 10:45 p.m. in Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center, Kendallville.


Mrs. Kline

Mrs. Kline had worked at A&P Foods, Food Town, Rogers, and Maloley grocery stores. She retired from the meat department of Maloley Brothers on April 30, 1981.

She graduated from Garrett High School in 1944. She was active in Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and enjoyed being an Alumni of Garrett High and attending the class reunions.

She attended Wayne Center Methodist Church, Kendallville. She was a charter member of the Charm and Chatter Home Extension Club and held several offices. Mrs. Kline enjoyed traveling, playing euchre at the Youth Center, and attending grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities. She was a member of the Solo Club.

She was an excellent cook and enjoyed serving. She loved spending time with family and friends, and will always be remembered for her wonderful smile and how beautiful she looked in the color pink.

She was born March 16, 1925, in Garrett to George F. and Ione (Squires) Schulthess. She married Robert Barker Kline on Nov. 2, 1945, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1994, after 49 years of marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kline had farmed several years at their Schoolhouse Road residence.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Jayne and Don Olsen of Moffat, Colo., Connie and Terry Helmer of LaGrange and Judy and Bob Bollinger of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Karla Kline of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Michelle Olsen of Moffat, Jon and Nikki Olsen of Auburn, Kasey and Micah Findley of South Whitley, Michelle and Glenn Wright of Kendallville, Cori and Rob Yoder of LaGrange, Matt Bollinger of Kendallville, Arin and Ben Shaffer of Auburn, and Jason and Hillary Kline of Angola; 12 great-grandchildren, Kyle Olsen and Kaytlin Olsen both of Moffat, Ryan Olsen of Auburn, Cole Findley and Mikayla Findley, both of South Whitley, Taylor Wright and Dalton Wright, both of Kendallville, Charlie Yoder and Carigan Yoder, both of LaGrange, Selah Bollinger and Lincoln Bollinger, both of Kendallville, and William Robert Kline of Angola; and one sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Emmett Lovett of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Peggy Jo Kline; three sisters, Dorothy Warford-Vasquez, Jane Grube, and Mildred Delong; and a brother Robert Schulthess.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Sherry Long of Wayne Center Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Honorary casketbearers will be Scott Olsen and Dick Warford.

Active casketbearers will be Jon Olsen, Matt Bollinger, Jason Kline, Bill Lovett, Tim Grube, Dan Grube and Paul Grube.

Calling will be Monday from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Kendallville Manor Health-Care Center outdoor family area.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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February 22, 2010, Monday

Lori Eash

ORLAND — Lori Lynn Eash, 39, of Orland died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 at Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Miss Eash was born Oct. 27, 1970, in Fort Wayne to Tony and Marilyn R. (Powers) Eash.

Miss Eash

She was a 1989 graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

Surviving are a friend, Stephen Hull of Orland; her father and stepmother, Tony and Delinda Eash of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Tristan and Dustin Caudill of Angola and Tasha Eash of Kendallville; one brother, David Eash of LaGrange; a grandmother, Lydia A. Eash of Fort Myers, Fla.; and three nieces.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Marilyn Eash; one brother, Ryan Eash; her maternal grandparents, Max S. and Helen R. Powers; and her paternal grandfather, Harvey E. Eash.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to beamsfuneralhome.com

Gene Scrogham

MIDDLEBURY — Gene Alfred Scrogham, 61, of Middlebury died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at his residence.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. A Masonic service will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mack Cemetery, Middlebury, with full military graveside services.

Memorials may be given to Toys for Tots.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

William Sizemore

ST. DAVID, Ariz. — William "Bill" Sizemore, 73, of St. David, Arizona, and formerly of Hudson, Ind., died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at his residence in Arizona.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Max McFarren

LIGONIER — Max L. McFarren, 77, of Ligonier died on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at the Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 23, 2010, Tuesday

The Family of Robert "Bob" Shearer

would like to thank everyone who has supported us through Bob's long illness and passing. He will be truly missed, especially in the spring when Bob could start to get out and make his rounds on his scooter.

Special thanks to: Dr. Mark Souder and his staff, Dekalb Memorial Hospital ICU staff, DeKalb EMS, Pastor Bickel and the Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 97, Feller and Clark Funeral Home, United States Marine Corps Honor Guard, Tammy Grimm and all of our friends and relatives.

God Bless You All,
Jeannie Shearer,
Jason & Suzanne Shearer and family,
Jeff & Angela Shearer and family,
Rick & Carrie Shearer and family,
Brian & Laura Keith and family,
Lisa Shearer and family

Earl Handshoe

LAGRANGE — Earl Handshoe, 63, of LaGrange County, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at his home.

Services are pending with Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Thomas Whitten

MIDDLEBURY — Thomas Edmund Whitten, 54, of Middlebury died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Miles for Myeloma, IU School of Medicine, C/O IU University Foundation, P.O. Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Clairnetta Rozelle

STURGIS, Mich. — Clairnetta "Kit" Rozelle, 87, of Sturgis died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at South Bend Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sturgis with the Revs. Calvin Kolzow and Michael Klafehn officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Calling will be from 2 p.m. until service time on Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be given to ADAPT, 907 N. Clay St., Sturgis, MI, 49091.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Christopher Larko

Larko

FORT WAYNE — Christopher Larko, 51, longtime Northeast Indiana radio personality and radio station owner, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010, after an 11-month battle with cancer.

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 30, 1958, to Arthur Lawrence Larko and Roberta Louise (Brodbeck) Larko.

Chris was founder and President of Larko Communications Inc., which owns WMYQ-FM 101.1 and WBZQ-AM 1300. He began his radio career at age 15, working for area stations including WLYV, WAFX, WLKI, WHUZ, and WAJI, as well as stations in Wheeling, West Virginia, and Fort Walton Beach, Florida. While at WAFX in 1984, he produced and engineered a Peabody Award-winning radio documentary entitled "D-Day: 40 Years Later."

In the 1980s he owned and operated a popular mobile DJ business, Dancemusic, and established Audio Masters and Chris Larko Productions, which provided audio production services to area and national businesses and advertising agencies. In addition, he often advised radio stations throughout Michigan and Indiana on issues of engineering and programming.

His dream, however, had always been to own a radio station. He got his opportunity in 1992 when he obtained the license for a newly-allocated frequency and went on the air with Q101 (originally WLZQ-FM, now My Q101, WMYQ-FM), broadcasting to Kosciusko, Whitley, Wabash and Huntington counties. In 1998, he acquired WBZQ-AM 1300 (Oldies 1300) in Huntington. An avid Chicago Cubs fan, Chris proudly signed Oldies 1300 to the Chicago Cubs Radio Network in 2002 as the sole broadcasting affiliate for northeastern Indiana.

Chris is survived by his fiancee, Kelli Richards of Fort Wayne; a daughter Jennifer Larko of Fort Wayne; longtime family friend, Susan Derr of Fort Wayne; his half brothers, Lee (Carolyn) Larko of Georgia, and Beaudine (Michelle) Larko of Florida; his half sister, Teri Larko Rametta of Florida; and his father.

He was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents.

Calling hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday with a brief prayer at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue. A graveside service will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 23, 2010, Tuesday

Spencer Emerick

Emerick

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Spencer Ryan Emerick, age 30, left our world Friday, February 19, 2010.

Spencer grew up in Fremont, Ind., and has lived in Charleston, S.C. for the past 10 years.

He was a great lover of music and the outdoors. He was a passionate chef with a big heart, who felt such great joy to gather family and friends and spoil them with his creative cooking. He lived this passion working at a number of upscale restaurants in and around Charleston.

Spencer's personality drew people to him filling their lives with joy. If ever you were in need Spencer would drop everything to help, from changing a tire, to giving you the clothes off his back.

He will be fondly remembered by all the lives he has touched on his short, but widespread journey.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Willard "Bud" Michael and Lamar Emerick, and his aunt Marcia Emerick Worral.

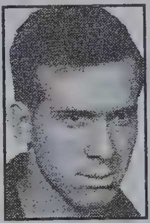
He is survived by his father and mother Craig and Jan Emerick and Tina Boitet, his brother and sister-in-law Joel and Clare Emerick, his brother, Curtis Emerick, and his niece, Ella Heath Emerick, his grandparents, John and Virginia McBride and Leona Emerick, his uncle and aunt, Jeff and Kathy Hastings, and cousin Taylor, his uncle and aunt, Stanley and Kim Michael, his uncle and aunt, Dick and Karen Emerick, his uncle and aunt, Steve and Brenda Emerick, his uncle, Doug Worral, his aunt and uncle, Linda and Gene Farce, his aunt and uncle, Joanna and John Jerraid, numerous cousins, his extremely large family of friends, and most notably his best friend, Alicia Moeller.

He was a happy boy and man, loved by so many, and will be dearly missed.

There will be a Celebration of Life at Fremont Methodist Church, 105 Tolford St., Fremont, Ind., at noon on Saturday, February 27, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be deposited at Farmers State Bank to be dispersed to charities.

Rev. Garland Whittington



Whittington

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Rev. Garland Lee Whittington, 68, of Pueblo died Jan. 3, 2010, in Pueblo West.

Rev. Whittington had pastored in Brethren in Christ Churches in Colorado Springs, Garrett, Ind., and as a missionary at Navajo Mission in Bloomfield, N.M.

He has also served in the Community Brethren Church at Buckeye, Kan. Following his retirement, he served as the administrator of the Abilene Cemetery in Abilene, Kan.

He graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University with a degree in religion and philosophy.

Rev. Whittington served 20 years in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam War veteran.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the VFW.

Rev. Whittington attended the Majestic Church in Pueblo.

He was the son of Cecil and Susie Whittington. They preceded him in death.

He and his wife, Virginia, were married Aug. 11, 1962, in Lewiston, Maine. She survives in Pueblo.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Susan and Rance Biesecker of Chapman, Kan., and Tacey Lee and Ric Trevino of Camp Hill, Pa.; a son and daughter-in-law, Burnham Estes and Kim Whittington of Pueblo West, Colo.; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Whittington of Lancaster, Ohio, and Cloyd Whittington of North Carolina; and a sister, Leah Wipple of Whitset, N.C.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Whittington and Lester Whittington; and a sister, Faye Wolfemberger.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. March 26 at Buckeye Church, north of Abilene, Kan.

Memorials are to ENT Federal Credit Union, 300 W. 5th St., Pueblo, CO, account number 525620.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 23, 2010, Tuesday

Katrina Fausnaugh

KIMMELL — Katrina "Tina" Fausnaugh, 61, of Kimmell passed away unexpectedly Monday, February 22, 2010.

Fasnaugh

She was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Fausnaugh had worked for Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for more than 37 years.

She was a member of Imago Dei Ministries in Fort Wayne.

She was born January 22, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Stuart Nathaniel Sr. and Dorothy Jean (Holcomb) Swink. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Jo Dee Fausnaugh of Cromwell; two sons, Stan (Teresa) Fausnaugh of Wawaka and Dave Fausnaugh of Fremont; six grandchildren, Samantha Badgley of Cromwell, Joseph and Selena Fausnaugh of Wawaka, Kendra and Kelsey Fausnaugh of Huntertown and Layla Fausnaugh of Fremont; a great-grandchild, Adalie Harper of Cromwell; a brother, Stuart Nathaniel Swink II of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Anna Linkous of Columbus, Ohio, Shelly Weber of Fort Wayne and Deanna Storms of Fort Wayne; and her two dogs, Precious and Duchess.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Anthony Paino officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Max McFarren

LIGONIER — Max L. McFarren, 77, of Ligonier died on Sunday, February 21, 2010, at 1:10 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

McFarren

He was born on November 26, 1932, in Noble County, Indiana, to Clarence and Ruth (Baker) McFarren. He lived in the Ligonier and Cromwell areas all of his life.

On August 4, 1951, he married Dorothy (Baker) McFarren at the Sparta Parsonage in Kimmell. She survives in Ligonier.

Mr. McFarren was a farmer for his life's work and also delivered RVs.

He was a member of Cromwell F & AM Masonic Lodge No. 205 and Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

He loved his grandchildren, farming, traveling and delivering RVs. He also loved going to the Dari-Point in Ligonier with the guys to have coffee.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Lance and Betty McFarren of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deena and Greg Rupert of Albion and Michele and Tom Ritchie of Ligonier; 12 grandchildren, Jamie and Kendal Rupert, Brad (Kim) Rupert, Deana (Joe) Sutherland, Thomas Max (Dawn) Ritchie, Kelly (Aaron) Cole, Tracy (Chris) Millins, Abby (Andy) Reed, Brooke Stauffer, and Mallory, Morgan and Riley McFarren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald "Whitey" and Rosemary Gillespie of Ligonier.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Stephanie McFarren, and a brother.

Funeral services for Mr. McFarren will be Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 Stones Hill Road, Ligonier. Pastor Joey Nelson will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church, also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Active pallbearers will be Tommy Ritchie, Chris Mullins, Aaron Cole, Andy Reed, Riley McFarren and Caleb Gilbert. Honorary pallbearers will be Jamie and Kendal Rupert.

Burial following the funeral will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Please send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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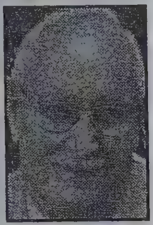
February 23, 2010, Tuesday

Ray Sunday

ANGOLA — Ray D. Sunday, 95, of Angola died at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, February 21, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.


Sunday

He was born in Hudson, Indiana, on Dec. 2, 1914, to the late A.I. and Maude (Deller) Sunday.

He farmed and worked for the Pleasant Lake farm bureau and then for the Steuben County Highway Department where he retired from in 1979.

He was married to the late Irene "Forrest" Sunday for 62 years before her passing in 1997.

Ray spent the last 10 years living and enjoying life at Cameron Woods Assisted Living Center.

He is survived by his daughters, Dorothy Ann Sunday and Elizabeth Esterly of San Jose, Calif., and Debra Rene and Larry Saylor of Manassas, Va.; a son, David Earl and Jill Logan Sunday of Anchorage, Alaska; a brother and sister-in-law, Billy and June (Weicht) Sunday of Angola; his grandchildren, Kristoffer, David and Jon Saylor of Manassas, Va.; and his great-grandchildren, Aeris, David and Asher Saylor.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Clair Sunday, and a sister, Clela Anstett.

Ray is remembered for his kind and loving ways.

He was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church at Golden Lake. He has said "I was carried into this church and I will be carried out."

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church with Pastor Rick L. Pettys officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m Friday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net

Naomi Hanes

AUBURN — Naomi Louise Hanes, 85, of Auburn died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Hanes was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn, and the Women's Home Economics Club of DeKalb County.

She was born May 24, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Ruth (Hartley) Thompson. She married Glenn Hanes on Feb. 26, 1944. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Howard and Luanne Hanes of Advance, N.C., David and Janetta Hanes of Auburn and Jack Hanes of Bowling Green, Ky.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Wayne Thompson of New Haven; and a sister, Margaret Harmeyer of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Hanes; five brothers, Roland Thompson, Ralph Thompson, Jerry Thompson, Eugene Thompson and Jessie Thompson; and one sister, Helen Hallien.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Calling will be from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service at the church.

There will be a private family burial on Wednesday in the Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or the activity fund at Betz Nursing Home.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handing arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 23, 2010, Tuesday

Jean Chase

ANGOLA, Ind. — Jean Chase died peacefully on February 11, 2010, in Winter Park, Florida, after fighting a courageous post-surgery battle.

Chase

Jean graduated from Otterbein College in 1943 with a degree in English, after which she worked in advertising in Cleveland, Ohio. She earned her master's degree in English from St. Francis College.

Jean taught 18 years at Central and North High Schools, in Naperville, Illinois, where she inspired many English and speech students.

Jean was a member of the Angola Congregational United Church of Christ. She was an original member of Friends of the Library and past member of PEO Chapter DV.

Jean also volunteered at the Steuben County Animal Shelter, and more recently was a reader of her beloved poetry and prose to the "Ladies" of Cameron Woods.

She is survived by Marion, her loving husband of 59 years; her son, Kevin and Rebecca of Marietta, Ohio; her daughter, Susan and Tony Wilt of Bastrop, Texas; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law Willovenie Chase; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jay and Cinnie (Frederick) Unger.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 27, at the First Congregational Church of Christ in Angola, Indiana at 2 p.m.

Jean's family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m. prior to the memorial service in the church social room.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Angola Public Library or First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola, Indiana.

The guest book may be signed at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Ind.

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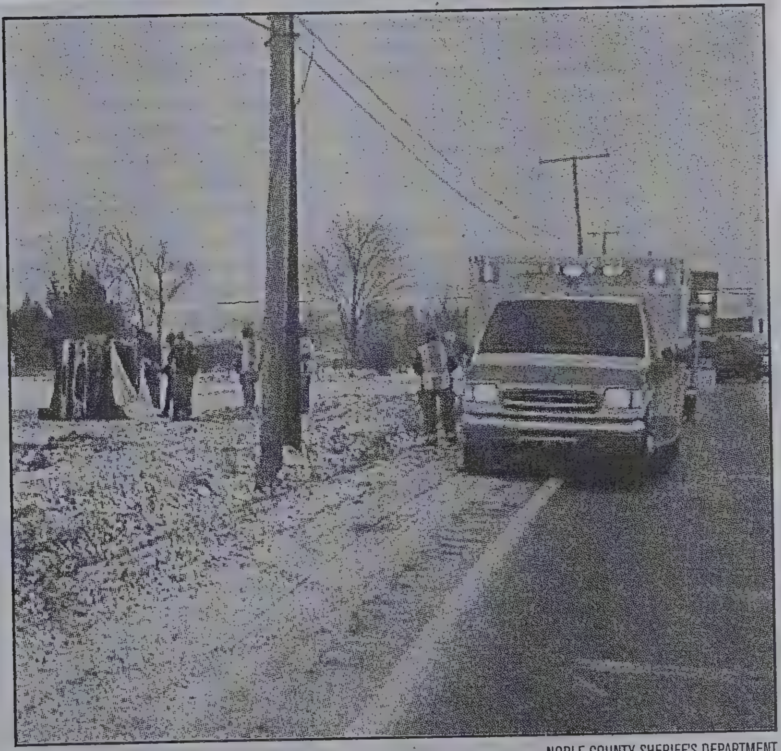
Tragedy strikes twice at WN

Two high school seniors die in separate crashes on U.S. 33



NOBLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

West Noble High School senior Amanda L. Musser was killed Tuesday morning when the 1996 Ford Explorer she was driving left the roadway, struck a utility pole and rolled over on U.S. 33, a half-mile north of West Noble High School.

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BY MATT GETTS
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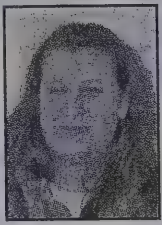
LIGONIER — Two West Noble High School seniors were killed in separate crashes Tuesday morning on U.S. 33 in western Noble County.

The crashes occurred 3 and 1/2 miles and 18 minutes apart as the students were on their way to school.


Musser

Amanda L. Musser, 18, of Cromwell died in a one-vehicle crash which occurred at 7:38 a.m., approximately a half mile north of West Noble High School.

Brandon A. Replogle, 18, of Kimmell was killed in a two-vehicle crash at 7:54 a.m. on the railroad overpass located at the north edge of Kimmell, three miles south of the high school campus.

According to the Noble County Sheriff's Department, both victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman has worked in law enforcement more than 35 years. He said he could not remember a similar day when two students from the same school were killed in such close proximity to each other.

Replogle

"I'm flabbergasted we had two crashes like this," Leatherman said. "I've never experienced anything like that."

Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff said preliminary findings show the cause of death as traumatic injuries suffered during the crashes. Gaff's final report won't be released until results of their autopsies are completed.

According to Leatherman, Musser's crash was not related to the weather, but Replogle's crash came as a result of his losing control of his vehicle on the icy bridge.

Musser was driving a 1996

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Ford Explorer southbound on U.S. 33 when for some unknown reason her vehicle traveled off the east side of the roadway, striking a utility pole and rolling over. Musser, who was the only occupant of the vehicle, was not wearing a seatbelt and was partially ejected in the crash.

"Investigators believe the driver's attention may have been diverted as it appears she simply drove off the road in a curve," Leatherman said in a press release.

According to the sheriff, police units were at the scene of Musser's crash when reports first came in of another crash on the Kimmell bridge.

Police said Replogle was northbound in a 1998 GMC pickup on U.S. 33 on the Kimmell railroad overpass when he apparently lost control on the icy bridge. The pickup slid left of center and was struck broadside by a southbound 1995 Ford truck driven by Jerry L. Rockey, 47, of Shipshewana.

Rockey was not injured.

Replogle was the only occupant of the GMC pickup.

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NOBLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

West Noble High School senior Brandon Replogle was killed Tuesday morning when his 1998 GMC pickup slid left of center and was struck broadside by a 1995 white Ford truck on the U.S. 33 railroad overpass located at the north edge of Kimmell.

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Community mourns

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — Tears filled the hallways of West Noble High School Tuesday morning after the unthinkable news spread that two 18-year-old students lost their lives in unrelated traffic accidents while on their way to school.

Students and teachers were overcome with grief, shock and sadness after learning that two seniors, Brandon Replogle and Amanda Musser, had died that morning.

School principal Nate Lowe called it a “very dark day” for the close-knit school of about 700 students.

Both victims were set to graduate in June. They were described as popular kids and active in after-school activities. Brandon is the son of Chuck and Vicki Replogle of Kimmell. Amanda’s parents are Rhonda and her stepfather, Kent Krause, from the Knapp Lake-Cromwell area.

School officials asked the media not to enter the high school building on Tuesday, as local clergy members and grief counselors were on hand to help teenagers, as well as adults, cope with the tragedy.

Word started to filter through the school not long after classes started that a girl had lost her life in an accident. That was followed later with the shocking news that a second student had also been killed on the highway.

The tragic deaths sent shockwaves throughout the community, including other West Noble school buildings. Brandon Replogle’s mother, Vicki, is a seventh-grade teacher at West Noble Middle School.

Tuesday afternoon, Lowe released a letter to the community.

“They were loved and respected by so many of us, and very involved in West Noble High School,” his letter read, in part. “We are all grieving very deeply for them and their families. Through this tragedy, we have experienced the love and support of our community.”

Staff counselors from the Bowen Center in Albion were called to the school and also helped students deal with their emotions. The Bowen Center also offered free counseling sessions in the days ahead, Lowe said.

A gymnastics meet scheduled for Tuesday night at West Noble was called off because of the deaths. The New DAWN after-school program also called off its classes and activities Tuesday.

Local police officers, including Cromwell Town Marshal Michael Hatfield and Ligonier officer Mike Alexander, were at the school all day. Both men investigated the accidents. Noble County Sheriff’s Deputy Tim “Buck” Leamon, the

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MOURNS: *Funeral arrangements are pending*

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West Noble School Resource Officer, was also helping students and others.

“It’s going to be a tough week,” said Shannon Kathary, youth pastor from Ligonier United Methodist Church, who spent the better part of Tuesday at the school. “It’s bad enough to cope with one death, but to have two young people perish at one time, well that’s a lot for anyone to handle.”

Kathary said the classmates of the fallen teens “really wanted to talk about their friends. They remembered the good times they had with them.”

Some students chose to leave school and absorb the news at home.

In his open letter to the community, Lowe noted:

“We have also found that many students want to talk about this with their teachers in the classrooms. We have encouraged this wherever it is appropriate, and the teacher feels comfortable. For those teachers who currently have Brandon and Amanda in class, counselors are available to talk to the entire group if needed.

“I have been encouraged by other principals who have been through similar tragedies to keep the school open and try to maintain the schedule as best as we can. We want WNHS to be a place where staff, students, parents, and friends can come together and remember these two great individuals.

“Please keep these two families in your thoughts and prayers in the next few days and weeks.”

Funeral arrangements for both Brandon Replogle and Amanda Musser are being handled by Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Miss Musser’s funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Stone’s Hill Community Church in Ligonier. Arrangements for Mr. Replogle are pending at Yeager’s.

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Janice Chikota

WATERLOO — Janice Gay Chikota, 64, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chikota was a special education teacher with Lakeview Public Schools in St. Clair Shores, MI. She was proud of her work and involvement with the Special Olympics.

She was born Dec, 29, 1945, in Auburn to Max and Rebecca (Fee) Rufner. She married Richard Chikota (deceased) on June 21, 1970.

She is survived by her daughter and son in law, Megan (Chikota) & Chris Napier of Royal Oak, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Beth Rufner of Fort Wayne and Randall and Kathy Rufner of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Stearns of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; five nieces, two nephews, her dog Libby and a large extended family.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery at Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Special Olympics, c/o Janice Chikota, Special Olympics Michigan, East Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.

Joyce Ahrndt

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Joyce E. Ahrndt, 75, of Hicksville died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, at Community Memorial Hospital of Hicksville.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, Ind.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Phyllis Geiger

CHURUBUSCO — Phyllis M. Geiger, 85, of Churubusco died Sunday, February 21, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Saturday at Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave a condolence for the family go to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Brandon Replogle

LIGONIER — Brandon A. Replogle, 18, of Kimmel, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, as a result of an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home.

Robert Saylor

CHURUBUSCO — Robert V. Saylor, 84, of Churubusco died Sunday, February 21, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a. m. Thursday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

To leave a condolence go to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Amanda Musser

LIGONIER — Amanda Lynn Musser, 18, of Cromwell, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at Stones Hill Community Church with Pastor Dennis Beckner officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday from 2-3 p.m.

Memorials are to Noble County Relay for Life or Columbia City Church of the Brethren for the New Facility Fund.

Arrangements are by Yeager Funeral Home.

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Agnes Archdeacon

OTTOVILLE, Ohio — Agnes V. Archdeacon, 91, of Ottoville died 8:45 a.m. Monday, February 22, 2010, at Van Crest of Delphos.

Mrs. Archdeacon

She was born December 17, 1918, in Ottoville to the late Louis W. and Sophie C. (Wannemacher) Heckman. On June 11, 1946, she married Thomas J. Archdeacon who died May 4, 1993.

She is survived by her son, Thomas (Kate) Archdeacon of Dayton; two daughters, Mary Beth (Kenneth) Lash of Kendallville, Ind., and Catherine (William) Looser of Ottoville; three grandchildren, Jesse (Barb) Looser, Toby (Allison) Looser and John Michael Lash; four great-grandchildren, Reese Looser, Cambell Looser, Jonathan Looser and Jack Looser; and two sisters, Mary Catherine Heckman and Margaret Heiss, both of Delphos.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Paul Heckman, and two sisters, Gertrude Shay and Dorothy Heckman.

Mrs. Archdeacon was a schoolteacher for the Ottoville School System and a former owner of the Ottoville Lumber Company.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ottoville, and its Rosary Altar Society and Catholic Ladies of Columbia and served on the parish council.

She was a graduate of Mary Manse College, Toledo, a member of the Ohio Education Association, Ohio Lumberman's Association, and the Ottoville Community Club.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ottoville. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ottoville.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Jackson Township (corner of State Routes 224 & 634).

Memorials can be made to Delphos Senior Citizens Transport.

Condolences can be sent to www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Jane Cass

HUNTERTOWN — Jane K. Cass, 79, passed away Monday, February 22, 2010, at her home in Huntertown.

Mrs. Cass

Born in Mishawaka, she was a homemaker.

She had attended Albion High School.

Mrs. Cass had volunteered at Our Lady of Good Hope.

She is survived by her sons, Michael (Donna) Cass of Fort Wayne and Mark (Kathy) Cass of Huntertown; her daughters, Barbara (Dave) Sheefel and Pamela (Dave) Kloer, both of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Christina Spagnola, Scott Sheefel, Adam Sheefel, Angela Shook, Shane Cass, Hollie Schneider, Kara Hoeppner, Kevin Kloer, Kim Pranger and Bryan Cass; 22 great-grandchildren; a brother, Carl (Nanette) Soellinger of Fort Wayne; and her sisters, Dorothy (Bryan) Maxey of Ohio, and Ruth "Billie" Richardson of Fort Wayne.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Donald Cass, in 2009; and a sister, Margaret Jean "Peg" Borders.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God, 1400 W. Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services. The Rev. Don Williams will officiate.

Calling will also be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road.

Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery at Huntertown, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God Community Care Ministry.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Earl Handshoe

LAGRANGE — Earl Handshoe, age 63, of rural LaGrange County died on Monday, February 22, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Handshoe

Mr. Handshoe was born in Yellow Mountain, Knott County, Kentucky, on July 4, 1946, to the late Walter and Junie (Hicks) Handshoe.

He married Barbara Arnold on September 11, 1965, in Clintwood, Virginia.

Earl was employed with Coachman RV in Middlebury and earlier with Lane Foundry in Kendallville.

He was a member of Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh and loved regularly attending church with his brothers and sisters in The Lord.

Earl also enjoyed going on long walks, hunting and fishing and helping people organize benefit fundraisers.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Handshoe of LaGrange; son, Earl and Karen Handshoe Jr. of LaGrange; daughter, Pamela Handshoe of LaGrange; daughter, Heather and David Stanley of LaGrange; son, Eric Hepner of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Denzil Gene Handshoe of Hindman and Victor Handshoe of Mongo; and sisters, Lucinda Combs of London, Kentucky, Patricia Hicks of Hindman, and Luna Kay Handshoe of Hindman.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ada Hicks and Theresa Handshoe, and three brothers, Ray, Freddie and Rodney Handshoe.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, February 24, 2010, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a prayer service at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. The family will receive friends after 9 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Ron Bell.

Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange, Indiana.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, Indiana.

Richard Fetters

KIMMELL — Richard L. "Rick" Fetters, 89, of rural Kimmell died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Fetters

Mr. Fetters was a retired farmer.

He had served 44 years on the Washington Township Advisory Board.

Mr. Fetters was a 1939 graduate of Wolf Lake High School. He served in the United States Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was honorably discharged Jan. 7, 1946.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, Columbia City American Legion Post 98 and a charter member of Wolf Lake VFW Post 4717.

He was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Charles Floyd and Leila Zoe (Shew) Fetters. He married Betty J. Adams on Feb. 19, 1950. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Duane (Trudy) Fetters of Kimmell and Dennis (Darlene) Fetters of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a brother, Roger Fetters of Syracuse; and a sister, Nancy Lenegar of Sun City Center, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two great-granddaughters, Tara Lykins and Vanessa Lee; a brother, Robert Fetters; and four sisters, Eileen Gaerte, Ellen Gilbert, Jean Paulus and Dora Hemund.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot with military honors presented by American Legion Post 98.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com

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William Sizemore

WOLCOTTVILLE — William "Bill" Sizemore, 73, of St. David, Ariz., and formerly of Hudson died Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010, in his residence.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, and from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at Five Corners Baptist Church with a service at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to Ruby Sizemore.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

David Gemmer

CORUNNA — David Paul Gemmer, 79, of Corunna, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, in his rural home.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville.

The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville, or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's paper.

Katrina Fausnaugh

KIMMELL — Katrina "Tina" Fausnaugh, 61, of Kimmell passed away unexpectedly Monday, February 22, 2010.

She was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Fausnaugh had worked for Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for more than 37 years.

She was a member of Imago Dei Ministries in Fort Wayne.

She was born January 22, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Stuart Nathaniel Sr. and Dorothy Jean (Holcomb) Swink. They are deceased.

Surviving a daughter, Jo Dee Fausnaugh of Cromwell; two sons, Stan (Teresa) Fausnaugh of Wawaka and Dave Fausnaugh of Fremont; six grandchildren, Samantha Badgley of Cromwell, Joseph and Selena Fausnaugh of Wawaka, Kendra and Kelsey Fausnaugh of Huntertown and Layla Fausnaugh of Fremont; a great-grandchild, Adalie Harper of Cromwell; a brother, Stuart Nathaniel Swink II of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Anna Linkous of Columbus, Ohio, Shelly Weber of Fort Wayne and Deanna Storms of Fort Wayne; and her two dogs, Precious and Duchess.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Anthony Paino officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Phyllis M. Geiger, 85

CHURUBUSCO – Phyllis M. Geiger, 85, a resident of Churubusco and widow of J. D. "Jake" Geiger, passed away at 11:30 p. m. on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Geiger was born on December 19, 1924 in Eel River Township, a daughter of John I. and Fern S. (Brandon) Jones, and spent her formative years on the family farm there. On January 18, 1945 she was married in New Port, Kentucky to J. D. "Jake" Geiger. She lived all of her adult life in the Churubusco-area, and had resided at her present home since 1976.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco. She enjoyed reading, her home, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

Mr. Geiger preceded her in death on January 17, 1989.

The surviving relatives include her daughters Sherral (Steve) Marschand of Columbia City, Kenna (Lawrence "Butch") Woodring of Hartville, Ohio, and Kathy (Rex) Shisler of Albion; a sister Avonelle (Roger) Stampe of Churubusco; two brothers Roger (Mary) Jones and Robert (Nancy) Jones, both of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by a sister Eunice Steinbarger.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco with Pastor Edward A. Thompson, officiating.

The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Friday from 3 to 8 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Katrina Fausnaugh, 61

KIMMELL – Katrina "Tina" Fausnaugh, 61, of Kimmell passed away unexpectedly Monday, February 22, 2010. She was born January 22, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Stuart Nathaniel Sr. and Dorothy Jean (Holcomb) Swink, they preceded her in death.

She was a lifetime area resident and a graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne. Ms. Fausnaugh had worked for Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for more than 37 years and was a member of Imago Dei Ministries in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Jo Dee Fausnaugh of Cromwell; two sons, Stan (Teresa) Fausnaugh of Wawaka and Dave Fausnaugh of Fremont; six grandchildren, Samantha Badgley of Cromwell, Joseph and Selena Fausnaugh of Wawaka, Kendra and Kelsey Fausnaugh of Huntertown and Layla Fausnaugh of Fremont; a great-grandchild, Adalie Harper of Cromwell; a brother, Stuart Nathaniel Swink II of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Anna Linkous of Columbus, Ohio, Shelly Weber of Fort Wayne and Deanna Storms of Fort Wayne; and her two dogs, Precious and Duchess.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Anthony Paino officiating.

Calling will be Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718

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Wilma Margaret Helmer, 80

AVILLA - Wilma Margaret Helmer, age 80, died suddenly on Friday, February 19, 2010 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on November 5, 1929 in Avilla, and was the daughter of Raymond and Gertrude (Neubauer) Fischer. She was a lifetime Avilla resident,and graduated from Avilla High School in 1947.

On May 6, 1950 she married Philip Charles Helmer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died on August 9, 2002.

Mrs. Helmer was a very active member of St. Mary's, working as a secretary there for ten years, and for many years served as the church organist. She was a member of the Rosary Society, and American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. Mrs. Helmer also worked as a waitress at the St. James restaurant for ten years.

She enjoyed playing the organ, shopping and loved spending time with her grandchildren. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Surviving are two sons, David (Cindy) Helmer and Tony (Nancy) Helmer all of Avilla; a daughter, Mary Hicov of Auburn; eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and her twin sister, Velma Carteaux of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a brother, James Fischer.

Mass of Christian Burial was, February 22, 2010 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

To send online condolences, please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Ruthanne Brewster, 74

CROMWELL — Ruthanne Brewster, 74, of Cromwell, Ind., passed away Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 22, 1935, the daughter of the late Albert and Frances Hieniger. She married Lewis A. Brewster on March 27, 1954.

Mrs. Brewster attended Elmhurst High School.

Mrs. Brewster was the first Den Mother and Den Leader Coach of Pack 3410 and was honored for 20 years of service for Scouting.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Allen County.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis A. Brewster of Cromwell, Ind.; son, Lewis G. (Christy) Brewster of Fort Wayne, Ind.; son, Timothy A. (Lori) Brewster of Sugarland, Texas; son, Christopher A. Brewster of Cromwell, Ind.; daughter, Laura A. Gunkel of Albion, Ind.; nine grandchildren, Amanda (Gunkel) Kemerly, Christina (Brewster) Hildebrand, Tiffany (Brewster) Malone, Mindy Brewster, Steven A. Brewster, Angela Brewster, Megan and Morgan Pfeiffer, and Ryan Brewster; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Rex Brewster.

Funeral services were held February 19, 2010 at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial took place in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or Disabled Veterans.

C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangement

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James J. Jordan

MUNCIE – Longtime resident James J. Jordan passed away unexpectedly, Monday, February 8, 2010. Son of Earl Ray and Beatrice Eleanor (McGuigan) Jordan, Jim graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1950 and was the senior class president. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts degree and served in the Army for two years. Jim graduated from Indiana University Law School in 1959.

Mr. Jordan served as Delaware Co.'s first public defender from 1960-1961 and served in the prosecutor's office as a deputy prosecutor under Gene Williams until he went into private practice. He was with the law firm of Dennis, Cross, Raisor, Jordan and Marshall Attorneys-at-law. Jim was admitted to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court in 1971. In 1974, he was elected Delaware Co. prosecutor. He served as Delaware Co. prosecutor through 1979 and then opened his private law practice.

Mr. Jordan served as Master Commissioner under Judge Richard Daily for 19 years. In August 1998, he was named by Governor Frank O'Bannon to complete the term of Judge Hall who died in office in Circuit Court 4. He served through December 2002 and was assigned as Senior Judge by the Indiana Supreme Court until his death.

He was a member of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, the Indiana Bar Association and the Muncie Bar Association.

Jim is survived by his wife of 53 years, Elizabeth M. Jordan, his eight children, Eleanor M. Jordan, Naperville, IL., Eric R. (Marian) Jordan, South Elgin, IL., Mark W. (Brenda) Jordan, Westfield, IN., Margaret R. (John) Ridenour, South Bend, IN., John M. (Carrie) Jordan, Indianapolis, IN., Joseph P. (Don Diforio) Jordan, Stamford, CT., Martha K. (Lee) Jarvis, St. Cloud, FL., Perry T. (Jeannie) Jordan, Albion, IN., He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Erica Jordan, Peter Jordan, Adam Jordan, Austin Jordan, Zachary Caballero, Matthew Caballero, Evan Ridenour, Jake and Cole Jordan. He is also survived by his sister, JoAnn Phillips and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Earl Ray and Beatrice McGuigan Jordan; his sister, Elizabeth Rose Jordan Finch; and his brother, John Wiley Jordan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to the Salvation Army, Muncie Mission, the American Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

Luella McClish, 90

KENDALLVILLE – Luella McClish, age 90, died on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. McClish was born in Fort Wayne on November 1, 1919 to the late John and Irene (Kiper) Heine.

She graduated from Flower Technical High School in Chicago in 1937 and married her husband, Hayes L. McClish on June 8, 1940 in Kendallville and he preceded her in death February 10, 1994.

Luella was a homemaker and seamstress and member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville.

She volunteered at the Nutrition Site in Kendallville for 12 years and was a member of the LaGrange County Homemakers Club for many years.

She was past president and member of the Helmer United Methodist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service. Luella loved to read books, and work crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her four sons, Arthur (Susan) McClish of Columbia City, Dan (Pat) McClish of Deltona, Florida, Fred (Linda) McClish of Bluffton, Bill (Kathy) McClish of Big Long Lake; ninegrandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Carl (Mary) Folk, Jr. of Ligonier.

Funeral Services were February 24, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier.

Burial was at Fairfield Center Cemetery in Corunna, Indiana.

Casketbearers were her grandsons; Brad Darr, Ben Darr, Jeff McClish, Brian McClish, Jeremy McClish, and Ted Shoudel.

Preferred Memorials may be made to First Christian Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneral-home.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Tom Bly Sutton, 56

Tom Bly Sutton, 56, of 3236 E 75 S, Albion, IN, formerly of Winamac, passed away at 8:30 AM Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in his residence.

He was born June 16, 1953, in Tipton, IN, to Jack A. and Ruth M. Case Sutton.

He was a native of Kokomo. He graduated from Taylor High School and Indiana University.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Eagle's Lodge, Winamac.

Tom was the property manager at Chain O' Lakes State Park, Albion, IN, since April 2009. He was the former assistant property manager and the property manager of Tippecanoe River State Park, Winamac. He had been at Tippecanoe River State Park since 1985. He formerly had been property manager at Shakamak State Park, Jasonville, IN, in 1993-94.

He had been named assistant property manager of the year and property manager of the year by the Indiana Department Of Natural Resources.

Tom enjoyed hiking, golf, darts, boating, and was a parrott head. He was also a dog lover. He was a great story teller.

Tom loved all things nature.

He was a loving father and enjoyed being around his family and friends.

Survivors include: three daughters: Marci L. (Alex) DeGroot, North Liberty, IN, Elaina M. Sutton, Kewanna, IN, Katherine E. Sutton, Winamac, IN; father, Jack A. Sutton, Hemlock, IN; two brothers: Rick (Anna) Sutton, Kokomo, IN; Jon (Carol) Sutton, Memphis, TN and former spouse, Cathleen Sutton Cunningham, Kewanna, IN.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth M. Case Sutton.

A Celebration of Life was held, February 20, 2010, in Frain Mortuary, Winamac.

Memorial Contributions may be given to the Nature Conservancy.

Dorothy A. Adams, 69

CHURUBUSCO – Dorothy A. Adams, 69, a resident of Churubusco and widow of D. Lyle Adams, passed away at 1:05 a. m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010, at her residence. She had been in declining health since 2005.

Mrs. Adams was born on March 3, 1940 in Noble County, a daughter of Dale F. and LaVelda K. "Betty" (Keller) McCoy. She spent her formative years in Green Township, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1958.

On March 24, 1962 she was married in Ari to D. Lyle Adams. The couple spent much of their married lives on the family dairy farm in Eel River Township in Allen County, where she assisted her husband until moving to Churubusco in 1991. She had also been employed as a quality control worker at Noble Wire near Albion for six years, retiring in 2005.

She attended the Ari Church of God, east of Churubusco. Always known as a person who enjoyed helping other people, she loved her dog "Max," enjoyed the farm livestock, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

Mr. Adams preceded her in death on June 15, 2004.

The surviving relatives include her sons Doug (Sherry) Adams, Rod (Pam) Adams, and Scott (Sheila) Adams, all of Churubusco; her mother LaVelda K. McCoy of Avilla; two sisters Jenniamae (Paul) King of Butler and Hermione (Ralph) Stanley of Churubusco; a brother W. Roger (Joan) McCoy of Larwill; her grandchildren Kyle (Kristin) Knott, Tasha Knott, Kristi Adams, and Hannah Adams; and two great-grandchildren Aniston Knott and Tucker Knott.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her father and by a granddaughter Abigail Susan Adams.

Funeral services were held February 22, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Carroll McNutt, pastor of Ari Church of God, officiating.

Private interment was in the Fairview Cemetery, Huntertown.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 636, Columbia City, IN 46725.

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Max L. McFarren, 77

LIGONIER - Max L. McFarren, 77, of Ligonier died on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 1:10 A.M. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 26, 1932 in Noble County, Indiana to Clarence and Ruth (Baker) McFarren. He lived in the Ligonier, Cromwell area all of his life.

On August 4, 1951 he married Dorothy (Baker) McFarren at the Sparta Parsonage in Kimmell, she survives in Ligonier.

Mr. McFarren was a farmer for his life's work and also delivered RV's. He was a member of Cromwell F & AM Masonic Lodge #205 and Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier. He loved his grandchildren, farming, traveling and delivering RV's. He also loved going to the Dairy Point in Ligonier with the guys to have coffee.

Other survivors include a son, Lance (Betty) McFarren of Ligonier; two daughters, Deena (Greg) Rupert of Albion and Michele (Tom) Ritchie of Ligonier; twelve grandchildren, Jamie and Kendal Rupert, Brad (Kim) Rupert, Deana (Joe) Sutherland, Thomas Max (Dawn) Ritchie, Kelly (Aaron) Cole, Tracy (Chris) Millins, Abby (Andy) Reed, Brooke Stauffer, Mallory, Morgan and Riley McFarren; fifteen great-grandchildren, brother-in-law and sister-in- law, Donald "Whitey" (Rosemary) Gillespie of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Stephanie McFarren and a brother.

Funeral services for Mr. McFarren will be Thursday, February 25, 2010 11:00 AM at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 Stones Hill Rd, Ligonier. Pastor Joey Nelson will officiate. Calling will be from 2-8 PM on Wednesday at the church, also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Ritchie, Chris Mullins, Aaron Cole, Andy Reed, Riley McFarren, and Caleb Gilbert, Honorary pallbearers will be Jamie and Kendal Rupert.

Burial following the funeral will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

J.A. Brazzell and Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Please send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

Max I. McFarren, 77

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He was born on November 26, 1932, in Noble County, Indiana, to Clarence and Ruth (Baker) McFarren. He lived in the Ligonier and Cromwell areas all of his life.

On August 4, 1951, he married Dorothy (Baker) McFarren at the Sparta Parsonage in Kimmell. She survives in Ligonier.

Mr. McFarren was a farmer for his life's work and also delivered RVs.

He was a member of Cromwell F & AM Masonic Lodge No. 205 and Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

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He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Stephanie McFarren, and a brother.

Funeral services for Mr. McFarren will be Thursday, February 25, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 Stones Hill Road, Ligonier. Pastor Joey Nelson will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the church, also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Active pallbearers will be Tommy Ritchie, Chris Mullins, Aaron Cole, Andy Reed, Riley McFarren and Caleb Gilbert. Honorary pallbearers will be Jamie and Kendal Rupert.

Burial following the funeral will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Please send online condolences to brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Grief shared at West Noble

2 killed in crashes mourned

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — The American flag in front of West Noble High School was put at half-staff Tuesday, just a few hours after two students perished in separate auto accidents while on their way to school.

That was one of the first outward steps taken in the grieving process for Brandon Replogle and Amanda Musser, the West Noble seniors who lost their lives.

The fallen teenagers were being remembered in many other ways for their faith, their fun and their friendships with their fellow students. They both developed tremendous records of achievements in their school and churches.

Both were set to graduate in June and move on with their lives.

Amanda had been accepted to Widener University in Chester, Pa., where she was going to pursue a degree in hospitality management. Brandon was an honor roll student who also was making college plans. He was accepted at Ball State University.

Musser

Replogle

Many friends of the victims turned to the Internet as a way to express their remorse and grief, while also remembering the good times they had with them.

Within hours of their tragic deaths, a memorial page had been devoted to them on Facebook, the Internet phenomenon that allows people to post photos, stories and memories of their friends. The page: "Remember 2/23/10" had 621 people register on it by 3 p.m. Wednesday. The two students also had their own Facebook pages and they were filled with postings of love and memories.

The students were active in many extracurricular activities at school, and both were active members of their churches.

One West Noble teacher who worked closely with the pair was Amy Dreibelbis, who had them in class but also watched them develop as part of the school's Theatre33 acting troupe.

Brandon and Amanda both had their acting debuts in "The King and I" back in 2001 at West Noble. "I feel like I have watched them grow up on the stage," said Dreibelbis on Wednesday. She

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SHARED: *Both students were involved in the arts*

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described them as “talented actors; hilarious and fun at rehearsals, and so gifted on stage.”

Most recently, both Brandon and Amanda fulfilled the dream of taking the school’s “Endangered” play about HIV and AIDS on the road and performed the play at the Anthis Career Center in Fort Wayne last December.

And while both students were comfortable on stage, both were big successes behind the scenes, taking care of technical duties and other chores.

“We recruited Brandon while he was still in middle school to help with sound and lights. He was amazing,” Dreibelbis recalled. “He was so driven and professional. I truly believe his gift with sound and lights helped to raise the standards of our over-all productions.

“Amanda was the best stage manager, house manager, concession manager, babysitting manager, Relay for Life team manager - and student helper,” she added. “She was so thoughtful and organized and prepared. She anticipated everyone’s needs and took care of us.

“They both were tremendous leaders on and off the stage; the underclassmen looked up to them, their peers respected them, and as a director — I loved them for all their dedication,” Dreibelbis said.

Replogle was a talented artist who recently won a major award for his drawing ability, according to Andrew Yates, art teacher at West Noble.

“Brandon was extremely talented on so many levels. He was always very creative and original with his work,” Yates recalled.

Over the past year, Brandon worked hard developing his portfolio in hopes to be accepted into an art program in college, according to Yates. Ball State University accepted him into their art program after the first portfolio review.

“Brandon had a great personality, sense of humor, and was always very polite,” Yates added. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. We are all deeply saddened by this loss.”

Replogle won a Gold Key award for a drawing currently on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

Both Amanda and Brandon had very strong religious faiths and were active in their churches. Brandon attended Ligonier Evangelical Church and Amanda was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren.

Both were members of the National Honor Society, and the school’s speech and debate team.

Amanda was in the school band and a team captain for Relay for Life. Amanda also played tennis and was an avid dancer and had been dancing since the age of two and clogging since she was seven. She had also served as a volunteer counselor at Camp Mack in Milford.

Brandon also was accepted into the Honors Theatre, PRIDE and SADD. Many of the postings on the Facebook site noted how he was caring, compassionate, and had a heart for missions.

Full obituaries for Brandon and Amanda are in today’s newspaper. Amanda’s funeral is at 3 p.m. Saturday at Stone’s Hill Community Church. Brandon’s services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier Evangelical Church.

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Amanda Musser

CROMWELL — Amanda Lynn Musser, 18, of Cromwell died Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, 2010. She passed away unexpectedly as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Miss Musser was a lifetime area resident. She was a senior at West Noble High School and had worked part time for Sylvan Learning Center.

Amanda was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren where she was actively involved with the youth group.

Amanda Musser

At West Noble, she was a member of the National Honor Society, the Speech and Debate Team, Theatre 33, Honors Theatre, the West Noble High School Band and was a team captain for Relay for Life.

She played tennis and was an avid dancer and had been dancing since the age of 2 and clogging since she was 7. She had also served as a volunteer counselor at Camp Mack in Milford.

She was born November 22, 1991, in Fort Wayne to David Eugene Musser and Rhonda (Chivington) Krause. Her father died in October 1997 and her mother and stepfather, Kent and Rhonda Krause survive.

Also surviving are her siblings, Bernie Musser of Brimfield, Chris and Gary Gayheart of Rome City, Michelle and Wesley Pugh of Cromwell, Nickole Krause of Kendallville, Madison Krause of Kendallville and McKenzie Krause of Kendallville; her grandparents, Richard and Elinor Krause of Kaykin, Nebraska, and Wanda and Harold Rummer of Cromwell; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and her very special friends JoEllen and Aaron Gustin of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by her grandparents, Robert and Ruth Ann Chivington and Howard Musser.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier. Pastor Dennis Beckner of Columbia City Church of the Brethren will officiate.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m Friday, February 26, 2010, at Stone's Hill Community Church and Saturday from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials are to Noble County Relay for Life or Columbia City Church of the Brethren for its New Facility Fund, P.O. Box 944, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Imogene Tracey

HUDSON — Imogene E. Tracey, 74, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Hernado Pasco Hospice Center in New Port Richey, Fla.

She was born June 7, 1935, in Markle, Ind., to Wilbur and Ethel (Wilson) Conley.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond R. Tracey of New Port Richey, Fla.; her mother, Ethel Conley of Fort Wayne; three sons, David Heyman of Goshen, Nick Heyman of Kendallville and Tim Heyman of Newville; three daughters, Tina Heyman of Florida, Michelle Perry of Florida and Deeanda Holtzberg of St. Joe; two stepdaughters, Penny Wilhelm of Hudson and Vicki Thiel of Hicksville, Ohio; two stepsons, Raymond R. Tracey Jr. of Hudson and Marty Tracey of Angola; a brother, Glenn Conley of Fort Wayne; a sister, Barbara Landel of Hudson, Fla.; 23 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday.

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Brandon Replogle

KIMMELL — Brandon Allan Replogle, 18, of Kimmell died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, from injuries he sustained in a traffic accident.

He was a lifetime area resident and a senior at West Noble High School. He had worked for Pizza Hut, Sweet Corn Charlie's and often with his father.

Brandon attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church where he was very active in his youth group.

Brandon Replogle

He was a member of the National Honor Society, the Speech and Debate Team, Honors Theatre, Pride and SADD.

Brandon was a very talented artist and tech director for Theatre 33. He was caring, compassionate and had a heart for missions.

Above all, he loved and served the Lord.

He was born January 3, 1992, in Indianapolis. His parents, Charles "Chuck" and Victoria "Vickie" (Whitaker) Replogle, survive in Kimmell.

Also surviving are two brothers, Cristopher and Julie Replogle of Garrett and Aaron and Amanda Replogle of Garrett; a sister, Brittany Replogle of Kimmell; his grandparents, Lois Replogle and Gene and Becky Whitaker; five nieces; one nephew; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert D. Replogle, and his great-grandparents, Lucille Whitaker and Ruby Schurtz.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ligonier Evangelical Church, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor David Kushman officiating.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Pallbearers will be Harold Miller, Dennis Sprunger, Craig Weimer, Nate Lowe, Mark Furkis and Steve Cox. Honorary pallbearer will be Elroy Mast.

Calling will be from 3-9 p.m. Friday at the church and Saturday one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Ligonier Evangelical Church Youth, 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Yeager Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

David Gemmer

CORUNNA — David Paul Gemmer, 79, of Corunna died Monday, February 22, 2010, in his rural home.

He began his teaching career in 1952, in a one-room school at Zion Lutheran Corunna. He served as principal and teacher at St. John's Flatrock in Monroeville, and retired after teaching 26 years at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was a Stephen Ministry leader and teacher.

He was born June 2, 1930, in Huntington to the late Paul and Edith (Ellerman) Gemmer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Maryellyn (Smith) Gemmer of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Gemmer of Avon; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sarah Clark of Corunna, Rachel and Dean Dwyer of Corunna and Hannah and Andy Alatza of Westfield; and six grandsons, Jeremiah Sheets, Isaiah Clark, Paul and Mark Gemmer, and Nicholas and Noah Alatza.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville, or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Blanche Messmann

WATERLOO — Blanche Ellen Messmann, 90, of Waterloo died Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at the home of her granddaughter in Altona.

She was born October 15, 1919, in Levetsburg, Ohio, to Clarence L. and Grace M. (Scott) Keller. They have both passed away.

She retired from Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler after 20 years of service.

She enjoyed fishing, gardening and spending time at the lake.

She married Lewis Messmann on October 24, 1942, in Fort Wayne and he died September 7, 1996.

She is survived by a son, Ronald L. Messmann of Waterloo; a son-in-law, Ray L. Henderson of Pleasant Lake; nine grandchildren, Shannon (Messmann) Baxla, Windy (Henderson) Kemp, Ray Henderson Jr., Joseph Henderson, Mark Henderson, Chad Messmann, Robert Messmann, Jim Messmann and Sara Messmann; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her spouse; a daughter, Elaina Henderson; and two sons, Roger Messmann and Thomas Messmann.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 201,0 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Randy Marshall will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

William Sizemore

KENDALLVILLE — William "Bill" Sizemore, 73, of St. David, Arizona, and formerly of Hudson, Ind., died Saturday, February 20, 2010, in his residence.

Mr. Sizemore lived in Arizona 13 years, coming from Hudson.

He was a home builder for Commodore Homes in Syracuse.

Mr. Sizemore attended the St. David Church in St. David, Ariz., and gave his life to Christ two weeks before he died.

He was born May 29, 1936, in Knott County, Kentucky, to Ottis and Freida (Fuller) Sizemore. In 1956, he married Ruby Coburn in Stroh.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Sizemore of St. David, Arizona; his mother, Freida Sizemore of Avilla; two daughters, Pamela Sizemore of Albion and Tammy Rasler of Fremont; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Brian and Laura Sizemore of Stroh, Brad and Helen Sizemore of Rome City, Bart Sizemore of LaGrange, Bruce Sizemore of Rome City, and Ed and Veda Sawyer of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Stacy Smith, Heather Sizemore, Brittany Sizemore, Trevor Sizemore, Faith Sizemore, Nikki Tote, Billy Prater, Alex Sizemore, Ciara Sawyer and Cami Sawyer; four stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lola and Lotchie Conley of Stroh and Cynthia Ann and Kenny Rowlison of Kendallville; and a brother, Morris Sizemore of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ottis Sizemore.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Five Corner Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs, Pastor Lee Combs, Pastor Willie Collins, and Pastor Jerry Collins officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Calling is Monday, March 1, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, and Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Ruby Sizemore.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Linda Beane

FORT WAYNE — Linda S. Beane, 60, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne.

According to her wishes cremation has taken place.

Burial will be at a later date in Lincoln Memorial Park in Aurora, Ill.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Kenenth Junk

AUBURN — Kenneth F. Junk, 84, of Auburn died Wednesday February 24, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He worked at Dana Corp for 30 years before retiring in May of 1982.

Mr. Junk was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Garrett Council Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree, Lifetime Mother Teresa Assembly of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn. He was the former president of the Dana Athletic Association and of the Dana Federal Credit Union.

He was a sergeant in the Marine Corps. during in World War II from 1943 to 1946 with 14 months was spent in the Pacific and then in Korea from 1950 to 1951.

Mr. Junk and his wife were very involved all their lives with the Gibault School for Boys in Terra Haute, Ind. In 2006, the Gibault School dedicated a group home in the name of Ken and Margaret Junk for their years of selfless dedication to the home.

Mr. Junk was born May 4, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Joseph Jr. and Ada Marie (Hausbach) Junk. He married Margaret Kelly on July 23, 1949, in Auburn and she died February 28, 1997.

He was also preceded in death by a brother Donald Junk and a sister Marguerite Junk.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be directed to Gibault School for Boys or Masses to the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Routson

LIMA, Ohio — Robert L. Routson, 87, of Lima died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010.

Mr. Routson was a union president for UAW 975 for the Teledyne Ohio Steel Foundry, and then became International representative of the UAW and retired after 40 years of service.

Mr. Routson

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as an aviation radioman.

Mr. Routson was a member of the FOE Aerie 370.

He was born on Feb. 26, 1922, in Lima to Alva "Bert" and Nellie (Whitby) Routson. He was married for 42 years to Virginia E. (Berryhill) Routson and she died Dec. 13, 2009. He had previously been married to Laura Cole and she also preceded him in death.

Surviving are his children, Mary Ann Wicker of Cromwell, Ind., James L. Routson of Macintosh, Fla., Donald E. (Janet) Routson of Ligonier, Ind., Sharon Blackshire of Ligonier, Ind., Betty (Larry) Martin of Ligonier, Ind., and Vena (Jim) Showalter of Warsaw, Ind.; his sister, Mary Spinnati of Cridersville; 18 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; his stepchildren, Deborah (Larry) Miller of Elida and Carla (Jim) Clemens of Lima; six stepgrandchildren; and 20 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Along with his parents and his wives, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Lois Allen, Helen Newell, Flossie Hight and Joe Routson; 3 grandchildren; and a stepson, Michael Newland.

Funeral services will be at 11 Friday at the Siferd-Orians Funeral Home in Lima with Dr. Michael Jenkins, officiating. Entombment will be in Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to American Heart Association.

Condolences can be made at www.siferd-oriansfuneralhome.com.

Ruby Payton

FORT WAYNE — Ruby (Pratt) Payton, 55, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Avilla died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Payton was an organ donor.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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Pam Hollinger

CORUNNA — David Paul Gemmer, 79, of Corunna died Monday, February 22, 2010, in his rural home.

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He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and was a Stephen Ministry leader and teacher.

He was born June 2, 1930, in Huntington to the late Paul and Edith (Ellerman) Gemmer.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Maryellyn (Smith) Gemmer of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Gemmer of Avon; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sarah Clark of Corunna, Rachel and Dean Dwyer of Corunna and Hannah and Andy Alatza of Westfield; and six grandsons, Jeremiah Sheets, Isaiah Clark, Paul and Mark Gemmer, and Nicholas and Noah Alatza.

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The family will receive friends following the service at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School, Kendallville, or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Everett Vance

LIGONIER — Everett Leon Vance of Ligonier has died.

Arrangements are pending at Ulrey-Renner and Brazzell Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Lawrence Coker

KENDALLVILLE — Lawrence Thomas Coker, 75, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, in his DeKalb County residence.

There will be no visitation or services.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Helen Berg

MONTICELLO, Fla. — Helen Berg, 92, formerly of Auburn, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2010, at her home.

A memorial service took place Feb. 15.

Howard King

ASHLEY — Howard G. King, 85, of Ashley died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at the Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Robert Peters

HOAGLAND — Robert Carl Peters, 69, of Hoagland, died at 5:18 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 at his home.

Services were held Tuesday at St. John Lutheran Church in Bingen, with Pastor John Dreyer officiating.

Burial was in St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery, Bingen,

Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur handled arrangements.

Memorials at to Worship for Shut-Ins, St. John Lutheran Church in Bingen or Parkview Hospice.

For complete obituary information and to sign the on-line guestbook, visit zwickjahn.com.

Donald Rauner

ANGOLA — Donald A. Rauner, 79, of Angola died Tuesday, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 700 W. Maumee St., Angola. Interment will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials and Masses are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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February 25, 2010, Thursday

Rosealma Helmkamp

AVILLA — Rosealma M. Helmkamp, age 81, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:15 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on November 15, 1928, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Alfred and Genevieve (LeGualt) Vigneaux. She came to the area 35 years ago, coming from Three Rivers, Michigan.

Mrs. Helmkamp

On November 29, 1974, she married Robert Joseph Helmkamp at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died in 1996.

She retired in 1989 as a nurses' aide from Provena Sacred Heart Home, and then worked at Snyder Distribution North until three years ago.

Mrs. Helmkamp was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Rosary Society, Provena Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary, the Harvest House and Harvest House Band, R.S.V.P and she also volunteered at Life and Family Services.

She loved camping and traveling, S & S Travel bus trips, but most of all she loved being surrounded by her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her children, Ralph and Rose Helmkamp of Avilla; Linda and Thomas Jansen of Kendallville; Kenneth and Judy Helmkamp of Avilla; Stephen and Laura Helmkamp of Avilla; Vincent and Mary Kay Helmkamp of Kendallville; Cheryl and Hal Barker of Kendallville; Phillip Helmkamp of Kendallville; Ruth and Scott Durbin of Kendallville; Catherine and Tim Dancer of Swanton, Ohio; Ann Helmkamp and Judith Bucolo of Avilla; her grandchildren, Chad Helmkamp, Matt Helmkamp, Clay (Renae) Helmkamp, Shannon Helmkamp, Greg Helmkamp, Phil (Jeri) Brown, Renee Brown and Brian Passwater, Christopher (Angela) Jansen, Nicholas (Jennifer) Jansen, Brett (Laura) Helmkamp, Sarah (Josh) Myers, Autumn (Tom) Brown, Amber Helmkamp, Ashley Helmkamp, Stephen Helmkamp, Jill (Mark) Dunkel, Todd (Bethany) Helmkamp, Jamie (Michael) Riedeman, Joe (Kathy) Barker, Daniel (Kristy) Helmkamp, Andrew Helmkamp, Austin Durbin, Jennifer Durbin, Courtney Dancer, and Travis Dancer; and her great-grandchildren, Taylor Lehman, Devin Gingerich, Ashley Brown, Randy Junk, Andrea Junk, Skyler Newsome, Raygan Wright, Keaton Helmkamp, Sadie Helmkamp, Aubrey Helmkamp, Caleb Jansen, Ethan Jansen, Matthew Oswalt, Kinsey Helmkamp, Sam Myers, Jack Myers, Lily Dunkel, Zack Dunkel, Luke Helmkamp, Brennan Helmkamp, Mikey Riedeman, Ally Barker, Ben Barker, Will Barker, Kaya Helmkamp, Kyler Helmkamp and Ava Helmkamp.

Also surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Wilfred and Florence Vigneaux of Grayling, Mich., Homer and Gladys Vigneaux of Fort Wayne and Richard and Kathy Vigneaux of New York; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Jane and John Biddle of Salem, Ind., and Augustina and Bernard Trombley of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Betty Vigneaux of Springfield, Mo.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her siblings, Alice Huth, Sister Jule Vigneaux, Irene Desormeaux and Eugene Vigneaux.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, February 26, 2010, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Calling will be today, Thursday, February 25, from 1-7:30 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling is also from 10-10:45 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Serving as casketbearers will be her grandsons. Honorary casketbearers will be her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Please make memorials in loving memory of Rosealma Helmkamp to Life and Family Services, St. Mary's School or to Masses.

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Jeron Biddle

ANGOLA — Jeron L. Biddle, 69, passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at his residence in Angola.

Born in Ossian, he retired in 1985 from the Fort Wayne Police Department after 21 years of service.

He was was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Summit City Lodge No. 170 F.&A.M., Pokagon Shrine, and Scottish Rite.

Mr. Biddle

Jeron loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Donna Biddle of Angola; his sons, Lee (Robin) Biddle of Fort Wayne and David (Aimee) Biddle of Angola; his daughter, Rebecca Biddle of Fort Wayne; his brother, James (Willie) Biddle of Fort Wayne; his sister, Gloria Biddle of Boulder Creek, Calif; and his grandchildren, Cole, Nathan, Alexandria, Leah and Nicholas.

Jeron was preceded in death by his brother, William Biddle, and his sister, Patricia Franke.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Fraternal Order of Police service at 4:30 p.m. and Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Calling will also be one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials may be made to the Cameron Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Donald Wilkinson

LAGRANGE — Donald Wilkinson, 78, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Rosetta Schwartz

SHIPSHEWANA — Rosetta Beth Schwartz was stillborn Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at New Eden Care Center in Topeka to David H. and Mary L. (Eicher) Schwartz of Shipshewana.

Graveside services were held Thursday at Scott-Seybert Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Pam Hollinger

GARRETT — Pamela S. "Pam" Hollinger, 48, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at her parents home in rural Garrett.

She was a 1980 graduate of Garrett High School.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and the women's group of the church. She was a 10-year member of 4-H and was State Officer for OEA from 1978-1980.

She was an assistant cook for five years for Epworth Forest Conference Center in North Webster from 1980-1985. She then worked as a custodian for the school system from 1988-1998 and as an assembler for Kimball Electronics from 1998-2007. She was currently working as a polishing Technician for C & A Tool Engineering Inc. in Churubusco and as a custodian for the church.

She was born June 3, 1961, in Fort Wayne to Wilbur D. and Joyce E. (Bowser) Hollinger. They both survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are three sisters and brothers-in-law, Beth E. and Keith Flesher of Homerville, Georgia, Lori J. and Terry Berndt of Auburn, and Emily A. and William Jeffries of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., Garrett, with the Rev. Ronald Bowman and Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be from 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday at the Church.

Memorials may be directed to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or the Garrett United Methodist Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Margaret Goddard

LEESBURG — Margaret J. "Maggie" Goddard, 62, of Leesburg died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Mason Health & Rehab Center in Warsaw.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Calvary Baptist Church of Oswego, 3065 E. Armstrong Road, Leesburg. Burial will follow in North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition).

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 601 West Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Online condolences may be sent to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com

Evelyn Johnson

LIGONIER — Evelyn M. Johnson, 93, of Ligonier, died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Pastor Sheldon Crapo officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Delmar Sattison

BUTLER — Delmar W. Sattison, 93, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Miller's Senior Community Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Sattison was a brakeman for the B & O Railroad, retiring after 30 years of service. He was also a retired farmer.

He was a member of Butler Eagles and the Railroad Brakeman Union.

He was born June 22, 1916, in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, to Waldo M. and Bessie E. (Stout) Sattison. He married Ethel B. Brunson on Nov. 30, 1936, in Branch County, Mich. She preceded him in death April 18, 1969.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Lenora Sattison of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Robert Davis of Garrett and Reva and Gary Parker of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a grandchild; a brother, John Sattison; and three sisters, Arco Goller, Vada Ridge and Phyllis Farrington.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H. E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mmorials are to the Butler Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

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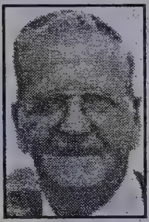
William Sizemore

ST. DAVID, Ariz. — William "Bill" Sizemore, 73, of St. David, Arizona, and formerly of Hudson, Ind., died Saturday, February 20, 2010, in his residence.



Mr. Sizemore

Mr. Sizemore lived in Arizona 13 years, coming from Hudson.

He was a home builder for Commodore Homes in Syracuse.

Mr. Sizemore attended the St. David Church in St. David, Ariz., and gave his life to Christ two weeks before he died.

He was born May 29, 1936, in Knott County, Kentucky, to Ottis and Freida (Fuller) Sizemore. In 1956, he married Ruby Coburn in Stroh.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Sizemore of St. David, Arizona; his mother, Freida Sizemore of Avilla; two daughters, Pamela Sizemore of Albion and Tammy Rasler of Fremont; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Brian and Laura Sizemore of Stroh, Brad and Helen Sizemore of Rome City, Bart Sizemore of LaGrange, Bruce Sizemore of Rome City, and Ed and Veda Sawyer of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Stacy Smith, Heather Sizemore, Brittany Sizemore, Trevor Sizemore, Faith Sizemore, Nikki Tote, Billy Prater, Alex Sizemore, Ciara Sawyer and Cami Sawyer; four stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lola and Lotchie Conley of Stroh and Cynthia Ann and Kenny Rowlison of Kendallville; and a brother, Morris Sizemore of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ottis Sizemore.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 1 p.m. in Five Corner Baptist Church, Wolcottville, with Pastor Clarence Combs, Pastor Lee Combs, Pastor Willie Collins, and Pastor Jerry Collins officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Calling is Monday, March 1, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, and Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 4 to 7 p.m. in Five Corners Baptist Church, Wolcottville where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Ruby Sizemore.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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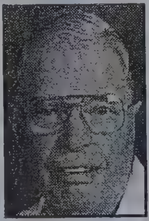
Howard King

ASHLEY — Howard George King, 85, passed away on February 24, 2010, at The Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler, IN of complications from COPD.

Howard was born on December 16, 1924, in Leoni Township, Michigan.


Mr. King

He served as a Sergeant in the United States Marines specializing in radio operations from 1943 to 1946 and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

He married Shirley Gramling in 1947 and was blessed with two children.

Howard worked as a supervisor in rubber injection molding at Auburn Rubber Co. and was in law enforcement for his community in Ashley, IN, before settling into retirement in Winter Haven, FL.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; son and daughter-in-law, Lon and Susan King; a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Rob Raker; and six grandchildren, Aynsley King, Chris Raker, Austin King, Leslie Olivetta, Greyson King and Cameron King.

Internment will be at the Roseland Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

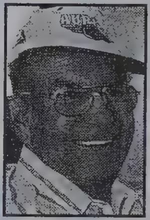
In lieu of flowers, the family wishes cards be sent to Shirley King at P.O. Box 6, Hamilton, IN 46742.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Lyle Baird

AUBURN — Lyle E. Baird, 80, of Auburn died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, in Shipshewana.

Mr. Baird was a lifetime Fairfield Township farmer. He also worked for McCray Refrigeration in Kendallville, retiring after 20 years of service.


Mr. Baird

He served on the Corunna Fire Department for nine years, one of those years as fire chief.

He was a former member of the NFO.

He was born July 16, 1929, in Waterloo, to Ray and Hilda (Sherwood) Baird. He married Martha Moughler on July 29, 1950, in Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Patrick Hampshire of Lake Worth, Fla., and Judy and Paul Collins of Auburn; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law and his spouse, Kenneth and Deb Hartman of Wolcottville; a sister, Patty Pierce of Kendallville; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Billy and Jo Baird of Ligonier, Larry and Kay Baird of Hicksville, Ohio, and Jack Cindy Baird of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Colleen Hartman; two sisters, Evelyn Payton, and Terena Longsworth; and five brothers, Wilbur Baird, Don Baird, Merlin Baird, Gary Baird and Dallas Baird.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Gary Dilly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jacob Fulk

CHURUBUSCO — Jacob E. Fulk, 79, of rural Churubusco died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

There will be no services or calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department or Whitley County EMS Medic 21.

To leave an online condolence, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Hellen Bower

ANGOLA — Hellen B. Bower, 70, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation in Angola.

There will be no visitation or services.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, 416 E. Monroe St., Angola, IN 46703, Attn: Connie.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com

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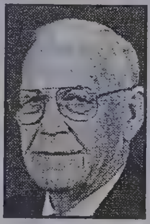
Donald Wilkinson

LAGRANGE — Donald E. Wilkinson, 78, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Wilkinson was a radio technician/maintenance man at AT&T. He retired in 1990.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954.


Mr. Wilkinson

He was born Jan. 31, 1932, in Elkhart to Willard and Ida (Holycross) Wilkinson. He married Patricia A. Young on Nov. 14, 1954, and she died Jan. 25, 1996. He then married Kay Dinkins on Dec. 5, 1998, at Woodruff United Methodist Church in LaGrange County. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Wilkinson of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three sons, Gregory Wilkinson of Mongo, Jeffrey Wilkinson of Boise, Idaho, and Brain Wilkinson of Mottville, Mich.; two sisters, Charlyn High of South Bend and Lois Meeker of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rodney Wilkinson; and a stepson, Tim Dinkins.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange with Pastor Michael Howard of the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Kendallville officiating and Bro. Frank Combs assisting. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange with military rites by American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net

Wayne Applegate

ALBION — Wayne E. Applegate, age 83, died suddenly, Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 9:12 P.M. at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room.

He was born August 29, 1926, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was the son of Madison and Blanche (Roscoe) Applegate, both deceased.

Mr. Applegate

He was a lifetime area resident and a 1944 graduate of Albion High School.

He married Helen Knafel on August 9, 1974, and she survives in Albion.

He was a truck driver for Food Marketing for 25 years and was also a farmer.

Mr. Applegate was a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He was a 60-year member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, and the VFW.

He was an outdoorsman who loved his family, traveling and going to the Veterans Administration to see people.

Surviving are his wife, Helen of Albion; sons, Dennis Applegate of Grand Prairie, Texas; Doug Applegate and Marla Smith of Kendallville; and Scott (Jenni) Applegate of Albion; a daughter Deb (Doug) Ott of Kendallville; stepchildren, Denny (Rita) Lehner of LaGrange; Renee (Dann) Hollenbeck of Fort Wayne, and Debra Belshaw of Cincinnati, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; a brother, James M. Applegate of Arcadia, Florida and Albion; and a stepsister, Rosie Johnson of Albion.

Funeral services for Mr. Applegate will be Monday, March 1, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Paul Griebel will officiate. Burial will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. Military honors will be conducted by the Albion American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-6 on Sunday afternoon at the funeral home.

Please make memorials to the American Red Cross.

To place online condolences or view a video tribute visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Guthrie

CROMWELL — Virginia E. "Ginny" Guthrie, 86, of Cromwell died at 1:41 a.m. Friday, February 26, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Guthrie has been secretary to the chief process engineer for AVCO. She retired from Family Fare in Ligonier.

She enjoyed playing Euchre, reading cookbooks and collecting recipes from friends.

Mrs. Guthrie loved shopping at Goodwill and attending garage sales.

She was born May 18, 1923, in Glenkarn, Ohio, to Russell and Ada Lavon (Beam) Flatter.

Surviving are two daughters, Gail Knafel of Cromwell and Dale (David) Lehner of Alexandria, Va.; a granddaughter, Kathleen Lehner of Alexandria, Va.; a grandson, David John Lehner III of Alexandria, Va.; and special friends, the Don Poyser family.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, February 28, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. Barry St. Clair officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell, Ind.

Calling will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Sparta Township Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Rose Phillips

ANGOLA — Rose Loraine Phillips, 89, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, in Angola.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Fannie Hochstetler

GOSHEN — Fannie Mae Hochstetler, 70, of Goshen died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 ,at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family's residence at 14448 C.R. 34, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Combs

LAGRANGE — Johnny Combs, 67, of LaGrange died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, in the Bluffton Regional Hospital, Bluffton.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

Fannie Miller

TOPEKA — Fannie W. Miller, 78, of Topeka, died Friday, February 26, 2010, in her home.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Saturday and all-day Sunday at her residence, at 5131 S. 300W, Topeka.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 28, 2010, Sunday

Booth's life was about helping others

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Rebecca Booth was a consummate teacher and leader, her family and colleagues said.

Booth, 57, who helped to lead the Steuben County 4-H Horse and Pony Club and served as a nurse in the labor and delivery ward at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for the last 20 years, died Feb. 13 in Angola.

Tonya Alleshouse, who worked with Booth since 1990, called her the "most comforting, giving woman I ever met in my life."

"Rebecca was always there to offer you anything you might need," Alleshouse said. "You could always talk with her. She was very easy going."

Alleshouse said Booth served as a real mentor, both to young nurses and new mothers.

"She would always teach the new mothers about caring for their babies. She was just a teacher-type of person."

Cindy Heffelfinger was a lifelong friend of Booth's and worked with her as a nurse. "Rebecca would always grab the students and tried to show them everything she could."

Sisters Cathy Hasselman and Royann McLatcher said their sister, who was the middle child, knew early on that nursing was what she wanted.

"She shadowed someone one day as a nurse, and said 'That's what I want to do,'" McLatcher said. "She was always interested in helping people."

Hasselman said her sister was often the mediator as the middle child, and was always "strong-willed but kind-hearted."

Heffelfinger said those traits shone through throughout her friends' life. "If you needed to talk, to vent, whatever, she was there to listen, and then to guide you to the right path."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Rebecca Booth rides along a trail with her mule, Brandy. Booth, a lifelong rider, taught others to appreciate riding through the 4-H program.

From a young age, they said, all three sisters had a passion for riding horses.

"We all rode, starting at 2 or 3 years old," Hasselman said. "We joked that when you married us, you also married our horses."

But horses weren't just childhood fun for Booth. She continued riding for the rest of her life and taught others to appreciate riding as well.

"She was the same way with kids as she was with those nursing students," McLatcher said. "She would make it fun for them, but keep it safe so they could learn something." Booth was also adept at reading the moods and desires of horses.

"She helped families understand the needs of their horses," McLatcher said.

Hasselman said her sister got involved heavily with 4-H while her oldest son was in the program. One of the primary programs she was involved with was the Horseless Horse program, teaching horsemanship to students who didn't own their own.

"She would let them ride her horses on the weekends. Taught them how to handle the horses. And they were so appreciative of it," Hasselman said. "She had that kind of heart."

Booth kept up her riding and family connections, in part, by taking trips with her sisters and friends to various places and riding her mule "Brandy."

"She's the third child," Heffelfinger said of the mule. "When the others left home she became like another child."

In general, the members of the "Cheyenne Social Club," would travel to Tennessee or Missouri to ride their steeds and enjoy each other's company.

"She was a big game player," McLatcher said. "She didn't want to lose. She was very competitive."

Hasselman said with her roles at both 4-H and at the hospital, it was hard for her sister to go out in town without being stopped by people.

"We couldn't go to the store without someone stopping her and saying 'Thank You,' or 'You helped deliver my child,'" she noted.

"She is really going to be missed by everyone, because she really made an impact in a lot of people's lives," McLatcher said. "She liked it simple, and enjoyed life for what it was."

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Joan Kelham

AVILLA — Joan Kelham, 89, of Avilla, died on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 25, 1921 in Avilla to Freeman and Gertrude (Weller) Kelham. She earned her Masters Degree in Music Education from Northwestern University. She was a Music Teacher at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 30 years before retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Kappa Gamma Sororities, Arts Advocates at I.P.F.W., Bar Street Irregulars and a Fort Wayne Philharmonic volunteer.

Ms. Kelham

She is survived by several cousins including: Marjorie Saxer of Garrett; Steve and Kathy Kelham; Barron, Becky and Olivia Thomas; Tracy, Holly, Warren and Katelyn Joseph; Steven, Sara, Addison and Trey Kelham all of Avilla.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, with Dr. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials are to the I.P.F.W. Music Department.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Fannie Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — Fannie Mae Hochstetler, 70, of Goshen, died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Visitation will be all day Sunday at the family's residence. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m on Monday at Perry Nisley, Jr. Residence, 14188 C.R. 34 Goshen. Services will be conducted by Bishop Simon Schmucker, and the home ministers. Burial will be in Nisley Cemetery, Goshen.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Jazmin Sumner

AVILLA — Jazmin Sumner, infant daughter of Joseph A. Sumner and Beth A. Carteaux, died shortly after birth at home on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010.

Jazmin is survived by her parents Joseph A. "Joe" Sumner and Beth A. Carteaux, both of Avilla; brother Alexander Sumner and sister Tabitha Sumner, both at home; maternal grandparents: Tammy and Paul "Jr" Harper of Kendallville and Rick and Tina Carteaux of Marion; maternal great-grandparents: Max and Brenda Sayles of Avilla and Russ and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla; several aunts and uncles.

Jazmin was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents; Barb and Paul Wurn.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Pastor Mary Eilene Spence of the God's Grace Ministires United Methodist Church in Marion, Indiana will officiate the graveside service.

Arrangements are by the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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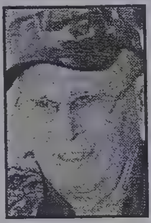
William Colley

AUBURN — William "Denver" Colley, 76, of Auburn died Friday, Feb., 26, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne.


Mr. Colley

Mr. Colley worked at the Auburn Foundry, retiring in 1997 after 30 years of service. Then in 1998, he went to work for Auburn Motor Sales, where he was currently employed.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1953 - 1955.

He was a member of Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn. He was also a member of the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

He was born July 18, 1933, in English, W.V., to Tom and Leona (Fletcher) Colley.

He married Juanita Deskins on Oct. 27, 1956, in Lebanon, Va., and she survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a daughter, Rita Colley of Auburn; three sisters, Carol Ward of Auburn, Ann Holley of Reidsville, N.C., and Peggy Claridge of Boonville; and one brother, Donald Colley of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Thomas Allen Colley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40A, Auburn, with the Rev. David Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by the United States Army and the American Legion Post No. 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 4 - 8 p.m. Monday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Soul's Harbor Assembly Church of God.

Barbara Schieber

AUBURN — Barbara Lee Schieber, 79, of Auburn went to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Her joy in life came from sharing her faith and being an inspiration to her family and friends. She will be missed.

Mrs. Schieber was a waitress for various restaurants in the Waterloo and Kendallville area. She was also a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was an active member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Jan. 30, 1931, in Waterloo, to Emery and Dorthea (Wiles) Camp.

She married Karl Schieber on July 23, 1950, in Angola. He remains at their home in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry Kay Lancaster of Auburn, and Gloria Ann and Jeff Wimer of Auburn; three grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Charlotte Maxine Bedson of Galion, Ohio, and Rachel Ellen Dohner of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emery Noel and Hildanna Camp of Waterloo, and Thomas Edward and Barbara Camp of Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half sister; and a half brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the New Hope Christian Center.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 1, 2010, Monday

Rev. Garland Whittington

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Rev. Garland Lee Whittington, 68, of Pueblo died Jan. 3, 2010, in Pueblo West.

Rev. Whittington

Rev. Whittington had pastored in Brethren in Christ Churches in Colorado Springs, Garrett, Ind., and as a missionary at Navajo Mission in Bloomfield, N.M.

He has also served in the Community Brethren Church at Buckeye, Kan. Following his retirement, he served as the administrator of the Abilene Cemetery in Abilene, Kan.

He graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University with a degree in religion and philosophy.

Rev. Whittington served 20 years in the U.S. Army and was a Vietnam War veteran.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the VFW.

Rev. Whittington attended the Majestic Church in Pueblo.

He was the son of Cecil and Susie Whittington. They preceded him in death.

He and his wife, Virginia, were married Aug. 11, 1962, in Lewiston, Maine. She survives in Pueblo.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Susan and Rance Biesecker of Chapman, Kan., and Tacey Lee and Ric Trevino of Camp Hill, Pa.; a son and daughter-in-law, Burnham Estes and Kim Whittington of Pueblo West, Colo.; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Whittington of Lancaster, Ohio, and Cloyd Whittington of North Carolina; and a sister, Leah Wipple of Whitset, N.C.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Whittington and Lester Whittington; and a sister, Faye Wolfemberger.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. March 26 at Buckeye Church, north of Abilene, Kan.

Memorials are to ENT Federal Credit Union, 300 W. 5th St., Pueblo, CO, account number 525620.

Andrew Schrock

LAGRANGE — Andrew J. Schrock, 92, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at his home.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Alvin Graber residence, 4445 W. C. R. 1000N, LaGrange. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 p.m. today until the hour of the service Wednesday.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Miley Myers

BUTLER — Miley S. Myers, 45, of Butler died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Myers

She worked for Tower Automotive in Auburn.

She was born in Auburn on Dec. 6, 1964, to Joseph and Carolyn (Voirol) McNamara. They survive in Auburn.

She married David Myers on Sept. 10, 1989, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph B. Myers of Auburn and Joshua D. Myers at home; and a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Amy McNamara of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Myers.

Private family services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Joe Heins will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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Donald Wilkinson

LAGRANGE — Donald E. Wilkinson, 78, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Wilkinson was a radio technician and maintenance man at AT&T. He retired in 1990.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954.

He was born Jan. 31, 1932, in Elkhart to Willard and Ida (Holycross) Wilkinson. He married Patricia A. Young on Nov. 14, 1954, and she died Jan. 25, 1996. He then married Kay Dinkins on Dec. 5, 1998, at Woodruff United Methodist Church in LaGrange County. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Wilkinson of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three sons, Gregory Wilkinson of Mongo, Jeffrey Wilkinson of Boise, Idaho, and Brian Wilkinson of Mottville, Mich.; two sisters, Charlyn High of South Bend and Lois Meeker of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rodney Wilkinson; and a stepson, Tim Dinkins.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today, Monday, March 1, 2010, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home at LaGrange, with Pastor Michael Howard of the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Kendallville officiating, and Bro. Frank Combs assisting. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery at LaGrange with military rites by American Legion Post 215.

Calling was Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Doris Geeting

ANGOLA — Doris C. Geeting, 80, of Crooked Lake, Angola, went to be with her Lord Saturday, February 27, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on November 3, 1929, in Auburn to Foy L. and Bertha V. (Parker) Axtell.

She was a homemaker and also worked for nine years at Auburn Recreation Center.

She was a member of Lake Missionary Church Angola. She was a life member of the Women of the Moose of Angola, former member Waterloo VFW Women's Auxiliary, Angola American Legion Women's Auxilary, and Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

She loved crafts, snowmobiling, speed boating, bowling, bird watching and was an avid oil painter and sketching artist.

She married Edison W. Geeting Jr. on September 23, 1948, in Waterloo and he survives.

She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael L. and Deborah Geeting of Auburn; and a daughter and her fiance, Jane L. Conway and Dennis Taylor of Fremont.

There are six grandchildren, Kevin (Denissa) Geeting of Butler, Erin (Mark) Thrush of Garrett, Tracy (Amy) Gerbers of Fremont, Tanya Betts and her boyfriend Matthew Pelletier of Fremont, Morgan Taylor of Zumbrota, Minn., and Heather Holden and her friend Larry Oliver of Angola; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, William "Bill" Conway; a sister, Dorothy Bendele; and two brothers, C. P. Carlyn Axtell and E.M. Bud Axtell and a grandson-in-law, Robert L. Betts.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo. Pastor Mike Cain will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, at a later date.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family c/o Edison W. Geeting Jr.

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Hilma Culler

Mrs. Culler

WATERLOO — Hilma I. Culler, 88, of Waterloo died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She worked at Messenger Cop., Electric Motors and County Line Cheese, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, DeKalb County Gideon's Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Eastern Star.

She was born June 4, 1921, in Concord Township in DeKalb County to Charles H. and Ruth I (Morr) Bleeks. She married Wayne D. Culler on Dec. 24, 1939, in Spencerville and he died Oct. 17, 1986.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Culler of Garrett and Melvin and Fran Culler of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son Major Carson Culler (who was killed in the line of duty); a brother, Hubert Bleeks; and two sisters, Lorraine Bleeks and Marjorie Schopf.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Norris Chapel United Methodist Church, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Memorials can be directed to Norris Chapel United Methodist Church or DeKalb County Gideon's.

Joan Kelham

AVILLA — Funeral services for Joan Kelham, 89, of Avilla, will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemtery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the funeral home and one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the IPFW Music Department.

Miss Kelham died on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Linda Perkins-Millberg

ALBION — Linda M. Perkins-Millberg, 64, of Albion died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010.

Funeral services are pending at Demoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City.

THE NEWS SUN
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Evelyn Buckles

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn Buckles, 84, of Fort Wayne passed away Friday, February 26, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Buckles

Born in Tennessee, Evelyn worked as a beautician for 20 years.

Evelyn attended Wallen Baptist Church.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, gardening, traveling and she loved her family dearly.

Surviving are her husband, Paul C. Buckles; her daughter, Lisa (Richard) Davenport of Fort Wayne; her sons, Craig (Cindy) Buckles of Muncie and Paul R. Buckles of Fort Wayne; her grandchildren, Cade Buckles, Rachel and Michael Davenport, and Mark and Laura Buckles.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lisabelle Phillips; an infant daughter, Marilyn; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services are Thursday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling 2 hours prior to service. The Rev. James Glover will officiate Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Linda Perkins-Millberg

ALBION — Linda Marie Perkins-Millberg, 64, of Albion died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mrs. Perkins-Millberg

She spent her childhood in Kentucky and moved to Rome City in 1963. Following a brief return to Kentucky in the 1970s, she moved to Albion in 1976.

Mrs. Perkins-Millberg retired from Union Products in Cromwell in 1997 after many years of service.

She was born June 24, 1945, in Hardburly, Ky., to Harold and Mary (Begley) Perkins. She married Charles M. Millberg on June 24, 1983, in Columbia City. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are five children, Mickie (Ronelle) Godsey of Syracuse, Maryruth (Terri Grycza) Godsey of Larwill, Michael Lee (Bambi Lehman) Millberg of Milford, Rebecca Ann (Rudolph Lee) Jacobs of Cromwell, and Jennifer Diane (Bryan) Dial of Albion; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, Ray (Brenda) Ritchie of Rome City; three sisters, Ida (David) Hughes and Rema (Garrett) Hunter, both of Hindman, Ky., and Jada (Shane) Tyler of Rome City; five half brothers and sisters, A.J., Gary, Dally, Holly and Joyce; her mother, Mary (Herbert) Conley of Wolcottville; her mother-in-law, Helen Millberg of Fort Wayne; and three sisters-in-law, Darlene (Leo) Backs and Christine Jones, both of Fort Wayne and Joyce Jones of Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Perkins, and her stepmother and stepfather, Elsie and Ben Ritchie.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Burial will follow at Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Send condolences or sign a guestbook at www.demoneygrimes.com

Alicia Mast

MIDDLEBURY — Alicia Mast, 25, of Middlebury, died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 at Indiana University Hospital, Indianapolis.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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March 2, 2010, Tuesday

Betty Ehlers

KENDALLVILLE — Betty June Ehlers, age 85, of Kendallville, passed away at her home Monday morning, March 1, 2010.

Mrs. Ehlers

Mrs. Ehlers was born in Kendallville on June 23, 1924, to the late Atlee J. and Esther Belle (Flanders) Taylor.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1942 and married John "Jack" Ehlers on October 11, 1946, in Kendallville. Mr. Ehlers preceded her death March 18, 2005.

Betty worked at her father's shoe store, Taylor's Shoe Store, in Kendallville and she also volunteered her time with McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville in the gift shop.

She was also a homemaker.

Betty was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and enjoyed working the "white elephant" table at the St. John Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar.

She was an avid bridge player and belonged to several local clubs.

Betty loved to have garage sales in the summer time and she enjoyed spending time with her family and longtime high school friends.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, John Scott and Mary Ehlers of Venice, Florida; a daughter, Christine Ann Howard of Rome City; three granddaughters, Angie and Steve Sibert of Kendallville, Summer and Josh Treesh of Kendallville and Megan Ehlers of Sarasota, Florida; and four great-grandchildren, Kane and Taylor Sibert, and Caden and Mason Treesh.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 4, 2010, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 5, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church.

View a video tribute by Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Viola Smith

FREMONT — Viola Maxine Smith, 77, of Fremont died Monday, March 1, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith worked for 17 years at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola and retired in 1992. She also helped on the family farm.

She had attended school in Leesburg.

She and her husband, Harris, were members of the Steuben County Sheriff Reserves for many years.

She loved her family and she enjoyed mushroom hunting, feeding and watching her birds, gardening, flowers and rock collecting.

Mrs. Smith was born November 14, 1932, in Fulton County, Ind., to Merritt and Edna (Warner) Coffing. They preceded her in death.

She married Harris H. Smith on November 25, 1958, in New Paris, Ind. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter, Teresa and Tom Midtgard of Montgomery, Mich.; a son, Harris Jay and Molly Smith of Whiteland, Ind.; five grandchildren, Terry Smith, Cindy (Smith) and Josh Stiles, Amanda Miller, Zach Smith and Dane Smith; a great-grandchild, Nevaeh; a sister, Bonnie Adams of Warsaw; and two brothers, Lonnie and Lorwill Coffing of Pierceton, Ind., and Walter and Nancy Coffing of Gloucester, Va.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Terry Lee Wells on January 1, 1975; a brother; two sisters; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery in Fremont.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Memorials are to Steuben County Cancer Association — Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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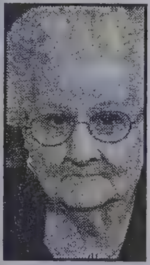
Margaret Rumsey

BRONSON, Mich. — Margaret V. Rumsey, 89, of Bronson died Sunday, February 28, 2010, at her home.



Mrs. Rumsey

Margaret was raised near Greenfield Mills. She went to Brighton High School where she graduated in 1938.

Margaret was born November 5, 1920, in Orland, Indiana, to Ray and Myrtle (Starrett) Kellett. She married Frank T. Rumsey on December 15, 1938 in LaGrange, Indiana. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1987.

Margaret attended United Brethren Church where she played piano, organ and sang solos for the congregation.

Margaret had been a resident of Bronson for the past 60 years.

Margaret was a lover of music and flowers as well as being an avid NASCAR fan who watched every weekend when she could. She loved spending time with her family especially all of her grandchildren.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Jerry (Gladys) Rumsey of Umatilla, Fla., Jack (Dawn) Rumsey of Jacksboro, Tenn., and Jeff (Melody) Rumsey of Bronson; her daughters, JoAnn Jennings of Kendallville, Ind., and Janet (William) Thomas of Sturgis, Mich.; her sister, Katherine Fuller of Orland, Ind.; and 55 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Frank Jr. in 1975, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson. Pastor Terry Siler and Pastor Jim Bender will officiate. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, Ind.

Visitation will be held today, Tuesday, March 2, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. also at the funeral home

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a thought in the online guest book.

Sue Streeter

AUBURN — Sue Ann Streeter, age 50, died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 6:40 PM at her home in Auburn, after a long battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate.

Calling will be on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Easter Star will conduct a service at 8 p.m. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Burial will be at Oak Lawn Gardens in Titusville, Fla., at a later date.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

Online condolences can be sent at brazzellfuneralhome.com

Katherine Noelker

KENDALLVILLE — Katherine V. Noelker, 94, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Services are pending with Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Johnny Combs

LAGRANGE — Johnny Combs, 67, of LaGrange died Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at Bluffton Regional Hospital in Bluffton.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today in Community Baptist Church, Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements handled by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Herman Marsh

COLDWATER, Mich. — Herman D. Marsh, 83, of Coldwater died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Marsh

Mr. Marsh had worked as a truck driver, farmer, at Essex Wire in Reading, Mich., and South Whitley, Ind., for Clausing Lathe in Warsaw, Ind., and for Akron Foundry, retiring in 1993 as a night foreman.

He was a graduate of Reading High School and served in the European Theater with the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Marsh was a former member of the Orland, Ind., American Legion Post 423 and attended Jamestown Church at Fremont, Ind.

He was born July 21, 1926, in Reading to Derwood and Sarah (Van Voorhis) Marsh. He married Carlene P. Collyer on Feb. 4, 1951, in Reading. She survives in Coldwater.

Also surviving are his children, Frank and Karen Marsh of Howe, Ind., Debra Sisson of Arvada, Colo., Denise and Dan Mason of Maryville, Tenn., and Robert Marsh of LaGrange, Ind.; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan and John Jaruzel of Houghton Lake, Mich..

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Doris Church.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 1, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Burial was in Burlington Cemetery in Burlington, Mich., with military rites by members of the Fremont, Ind., American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Hassell Bentley

ROME CITY — Hassell "Rex" Bentley, 68, of Rome City died Monday, March 1, 2010, at 1:35 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bentley

Mr. Bentley retired from Silgon Plastics in Ligonier after 37 years of service.

He was an outdoorsman and an avid fisherman. He liked to do woodworking, and loved family outings.

He was born March 3, 1941, in Hindman, Kentucky, to Luther and Lona (Taylor) Bentley. On December 23, 1961, in Hindman, Kentucky, he married Colleen Gibson.

Surviving are his wife, Colleen Bentley of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Michael Sawyer of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth Bentley of Rome City and Michael and Brooke Bentley of Rome City; six grandchildren, Shawn Sawyer and his friend Jolee Stauffer, Crystal Sawyer, Alex Rex Sawyer and his friend Joanna Dyesse, Jessica Campbell, Kaylee Layne Bentley and Damon Michael Bentley; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Lily Combs of Leesburg, Florida; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Tootsie Bentley of Hindman, Kentucky; several nieces and nephews; and his close friends, Chester and Eddie Craft.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Paul Bentley, and a nephew, Derrick Tolvier.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 5, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Salem United Baptist Church with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Shawn Sawyer, Alex Rex Sawyer, Billy Ray Bentley, Tim Bentley, Bobby Bentley and Homer Bentley.

Calling will be today, Wednesday, March 3, 2010, after 5 p.m. and all day Thursday, March 4, 2010, at the church. A service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Salem United Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute after 5 p.m. today or condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Ruth Fausnaugh

WAWAKA — Ruth I. Fausnaugh, age 91, of Wawaka, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in her residence.

Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Richard Green

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Richard Paul "Dick" Green, 82, died at his home on Sunday February 28, 2010.

Dick was born to the late Paul and Lelah (Ridenour) Green on July 2, 1927 in Hicksville, Ohio.

Mr. Green

Dick graduated from Hicksville High School in 1945. He was a member of the Aces basketball team and also played in a semi-pro league in Fort Wayne, IN.

During the summer months he was a lifeguard at Cold Springs at Hamilton Lake, Hamilton, Indiana. It was there that he met his future wife, Dorothy (Dottie) Davidson. They were married on February 10, 1951.

He served the United States in the Army Air Corps. He was a member of the Air Force Band.

Dick was the owner of the Armstrong Insurance Agency in Hicksville. He was one of the founders of Fountain Manor (Hickory Creek) Nursing Home in Hicksville. Prior to ownership he was the plant manager for the Syncro Corporation.

Besides being active in the St. John Lutheran Church, Dick was active in many other organizations and clubs. He was a member of the Hicksville Rotary Club, serving as president from 1971-1972. He was a member of the American Legion Post 223, the Eagles Aerie 2556, the Masonic Lodge 478, and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Dick was an avid golfer and played in the Men's Golf League at Hickory Hills Golf Club in Hicksville. He was one of the first members of Health Fit at Community Memorial Hospital and regularly exercised. Dick was a music lover and played in two bands, The Antwerp Community Band and the Bud Widmer's Rube Band of Defiance. He was also a member of the Huber Boys, the renovation crew at the Huber Opera House in Hicksville.

Dick is survived by his daughter, Laura (David) Rowan of University Heights, Ohio, and his son, Todd (Sara) Green of Hicksville; four grandchildren, Lindsay Rowan of Arlington, Va., and Brian, Jason and Brandon Green of Hicksville.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and two brothers, Charlie as an infant and Rex who was killed in World War II.

The funeral service will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, on Thursday at 11 a.m. Pastor Donald Leckrone will officiate.

Visitation will be at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, today, Wednesday, from 2-9 p.m. and also one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery, Farmer Township. Military honors will be accorded by the Hicksville American Legion Post 233.

The family respectfully requests donations be made to the Huber Opera House, the St. John's Lutheran Church, or the Community Memorial Hospital-Health Fit.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Ritter

SELLERSBURG, Ind. — Barbara E. Ritter, 73, of Sellersburg died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville.

Mrs. Ritter was a homemaker.

She had formerly worked at the B.F. Goodrich Co. in Salem.

She was born Feb. 26, 1937, in LaGrange to Herbert and Beulah (Bickle) Coney.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Wymond L. Ritter; her children, Ricky L. (Priscilla) Ritter of Jeffersonville, Fawn M. (Jeff) Mount of Brownsburg and James L. (Teresa) Ritter of Clarksville; a sister Betty McNall of Howe; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by six siblings.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Kraft Funeral Service, Charlestown Road Chapel, 2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany. Private entombment in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park will be held.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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Sue Streeter

AUBURN — Sue Ann Streeter, age 50, died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 6:40 p.m. at her home in Auburn, after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Streeter

She was born on June 24, 1959, in Columbia City, and was the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Elser) Shellman.

She has lived in Auburn since 2000, and prior to that she was a lifetime resident of the Albion area.

She graduated from Central Noble High School in 1977, and was vice president of Mechanical Systems in Avilla, where she has been employed since 2004.

On July 8, 2006,she married Dale Streeter in Auburn. He survives in Auburn.

Mrs. Streeter regularly attended church at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Prentiss Chapter for over 25 years, and a former member of the Albion American Legion Post 242 Auxiliary.

She loved gardening, sewing, crafts, NASCAR, traveling, but above all loved being with her grandkids and her family.

Surviving with her husband, Dale, are her mother, Elizabeth Shellman of Albion; sons Jeremiah (Amy) Klopfenstein of Portland, Indiana; and Drew (Nicole) Streeter of Tampa, Florida; daughters, Jessica (Matt) Balyeat of Avilla; Hilary (Carl) McCafferty of Tampa, Florida; and Haley (Alex) Kurr of New Port Ritchie, Florida; five grandchildren, Mason M. and Myah Balyeat, Kylie and Max Klopfenstein and Adian Streeter. Sue was expecting another grandchild to arrive in August.

Also surviving are her brothers, R. Alan (Judy) Shellman of Manteca, California; Michael R. (Terresa) Shellman of Albion, and Mark (Beth) Shellman of Albion; her mother-in-law, Crystal Streeter of Auburn; special family friend, Andy Kennedy of Auburn; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Shellman on January 31, 2004.

Funeral services for Mrs. Streeter will be Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2 p.m at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate. Burial will be at Oak Lawn Gardens in Titusville, Florida, at a later date.

Calling will be today, Wednesday, March 3, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Easter Star will conduct a service at 8 p.m. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Memorials are to the family.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Rose Phillips

ANGOLA — Rose Loraine Phillips, 89, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, in Angola.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Fremont Indiana Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1952.

She was born April 19, 1920, to Homer and Mildred Kreisher Wiggins.

Surviving is a niece, Betty Ackerman of Cassopolis, Mich., and Tuscan, Ariz.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Max R. Phillips on July 23, 1988.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fremont Indiana Kingdom Hall with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

You may sign the register book at www.weichtfh.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Amanda Lynn Musser, 18

CROMWELL – Amanda Lynn Musser, age 18, of Cromwell, IN passed away unexpectedly Tuesday morning as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

She was born November 22, 1991 to David Eugene Musser and Rhonda Chivington Krause. Her father preceded her in death in October 1997.

She was a lifelong area resident and a senior at West Noble High School. Amanda had worked part time for Sylvan Learning Center. She was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren where she was actively involved with the youth group. Amanda was a member of the National Honor Society, the Speech and Debate team, Theatre 33, Honors Theatre, West Noble High School Band and a team captain for Relay for Life. She played tennis and was an avid dancer and had been dancing since the age of 2 and clogging since she was 7. She also served as a volunteer counselor at Camp Mack in Milford.

She is survived by her mother and step-father Kent and Rhonda Krause; six siblings, Bernie Musser of Brimfield, Chris (Gary) Gayheart of Rome City, Michelle (Wesley) Pugh of Cromwell, Nickole Krause of Kendallville, Madison Krause of Kendallville, McKenzie Krause of Kendallville; her grandparents, Richard and Elinor Krause of Daykin, Nebraska and Wanda and Harold Rummer of Cromwell; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; along with her very special friends JoEllen and Aaron Gustin of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her father in October 1997 and grandparents Robert and Ruth Ann Chivington and grandfather Howard Musser.

A funeral service was held for Amanda on February 27, 2010 at Stone's Hill Community Church, Ligonier, IN with Pastor Dennis Beckner of Columbia City Church of the Brethren. Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, IN.

Memorial contributions are to the Noble County Relay for Life or Columbia City Church of the Brethren for the New Facility Fund - P.O. Box 944, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Brandon A. Replogle, 18

KIMMELL – Brandon A. Replogle, age 18, of Kimmell, IN passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, February 23, 2010 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born on January 3, 1991 in Indianapolis, IN. He was lifetime area resident.

Brandon was a senior at West Noble High School and had worked for Pizza Hut, Sweet Corn Charlie's and with his father often.

He attended the Ligonier Evangelical Church where he was very active in his youth group. He was a member of the National Honor Society, the Speech and Debate Team, Honors Theatre, Pride and SADD. Brandon was a very talented artist and tech director for Theatre 33. He was caring, compassionate, and had a heart for missions. And above all, he loved and served the Lord.

Surviving are his parents: Charles "Chuck" and Victoria "Vicki" Replogle of Kimmell; two brothers, Cristopher (Julie) Replogle of Garrett, Aaron (Amanda) Replogle of Garrett; a sister, Brittany Replogle of Kimmell; his grandparents, Lois Replogle and Gene and Becky Whitaker; five nieces, a nephew and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert D. Replogle and great grandparents, Lucille Whitaker and Ruby Schurtz.

Pallbearers for the funeral were Harold Miller, Dennis Sprunger, Craig Weimer, Nate Lowe, Mark Furkis and Steve Cox. Elroy Mast will be an honorary pallbearer.

A funeral service was held for Brandon on February 27, 2010 at Ligonier Evangelical Church Ligonier, IN with Pastor David Kushman officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorial Contributions are to the Ligonier Evangelical Church Youth- 1911 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Wayne E. Applegate, 83

ALBION - Wayne E. Applegate, age 83, died suddenly, Wedensday, February 24, 2010 at 9:12 PM at Parkview Noble emergency room.

He was born August 29, 1926 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was the son of Madison and Blanche (Roscoe) Applegate, both deceased. He was a lifetime area resident and a 1944 graduate of Albion High School.

He married Helen Knafel on August 9, 1974, she survives in Albion. He was a Truck driver for Food marketing for 25 years and was also a farmer.

Mr. Applegate was a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He was a 60 year member of the Albion American Legion Post 246, and the V.F.W.

He was an outdoors man who loved his family, traveling and going to the Veterans Administration to see people.

Surviving are his wife, Helen of Albion; three sons, Dennis Applegate of Grand Prairie, Texas; Doug Applegate (Marla Smith) of Kendallville; Scott (Jenni) Applegate of Albion; a daughter Deb (Doug) Ott of Kendallville; three stepchildren, Denny (Rita) Lehner of LaGrange, Renee (Dann) Hollenbeck of Fort Wayne, and Debra Belshaw of Cincinnati, Ohio; ten grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren; a brother, James M. Applegate of Arcadia, Florida and Albion, and a stepsister, Rosie Johnson of Albion.

Funeral services for Mr. Applegate were March 1, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Paul Griebel officiated.

Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemtery in Merriam. Military honors will be conducted by the Albion American Legion.

Please make memorials to the American Red Cross.

Richard Fetters, 89

KIMMELL — Richard L. "Rick" Fetters, 89, of rural Kimmell died Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at his home.

He was born Oct. 5, 1929, in Washington Township, Noble County, to Charles Floyd and Leila Zoe (Shew) Fetters.

Mr. Fetters was a 1939 graduate of Wolf Lake High School. He served in the United States Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was honorably discharged Jan. 7, 1946.

He married Betty J. Adams on Feb. 19, 1950. She survives

Mr. Fetters was a retired farmer.

He had served 44 years on the Washington Township Advisory Board.

He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, Columbia City American Legion Post 98 and a charter member of Wolf Lake VFW Post 4717.

Also surviving are two sons, Duane (Trudy) Fetters of Kimmell and Dennis (Darlene) Fetters of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; a brother, Roger Fetters of Syracuse; and a sister, Nancy Lenegar of Sun City Center, Fla.

He was preceded in death by two great-granddaughters, Tara Lykins and Vanessa Lee; a brother, Robert Fetters; and four sisters, Eileen Gaerte, Ellen Gilbert, Jean Paulus and Dora Hemund.

Funeral services were held March 4, 2010 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial took place in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot with military honors presented by American Legion Post 98.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Rosealma M. Helmkamp, 81

AVILLA - Rosealma M. Helmkamp, age 81, died Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:15 AM at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was born on November 15, 1928 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to Alfred and Genevieve (LeGualt) Vigneaux. She came to the area 35 years ago, coming from Three Rivers, Michigan.

On November 29, 1974 she married Robert Joseph Helmkamp at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. He died in 1996.

She retired in 1989 as a nurses aide from Provena Sacred Heart Home, and then worked at Snyder Distribution North up until 3 years ago.

Mrs. Helmkamp was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Rosary Society, Provena Sacred Heart Home Auxiliary, the Harvest House and Harvest House Band, R.S.V.P and she also volunteered at Life and Family Services.

She loved camping and traveling, S & S bus trips, but most of all she loved being surrounded by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving are children, Ralph (Rose) Helmkamp of Avilla, Linda (Thomas) Jansen of Kendallville, Kenneth (Judy) Helmkamp of Avilla, Stephen (Laura) Helmkamp of Avilla, Vincent (Mary Kay) Helmkamp of Kendallville; Cheryl (Hal) Barker of Kendallville, Phillip Helmkamp of Kendallville, Ruth (Scott)Durbin of Kendallville, Catherine (Tim) Dancer of Swanton, Ohio. Ann Helmkamp and Judith Bucolo of Avilla; grandchildren, Chad Helmkamp, Matt Helmkamp, Clay (Renae) Helmkamp, Shannon Helmkamp, Greg Helmkamp, Phil (Jeri) Brown, Renee Brown and Brian Passwater, Christopher (Angela) Jansen, Nicholas (Jennifer) Jansen, Brett (Laura) Helmkamp, Sarah (Josh) Myers, Autumn (Tom) Brown, Amber Helmkamp, Ashley Helmkamp, Stephen Helmkamp, Jill (Mark) Dunkel, Todd (Bethany) Helmkamp, Jamie (Michael) Riedeman, Joe (Kathy) Barker, Daniel (Kristy) Helmkamp, Andrew Helmkamp, Austin Durbin, Jennifer Durbin, Courtney Dancer, and Travis Dancer; Great grandchildren, Taylor Lehman, Devin Gingerich, Ashley Brown, Randy Junk, Andrea Junk, Skyler Newsome, Raygan Wright, Keaton Helmkamp, Sadie Helmkamp, Aubrey Helmkamp, Caleb Jansen, Ethan Jansen, Matthew Oswalt, Kinsey Helmkamp, Sam Myers, Jack Myers, Lily Dunkel, Zack Dunkel, Luke Helmkamp, Brennan Helmkamp, Mikey Riedeman, Ally Barker, Ben Barker, Will Barker, Kaya Helmkamp, Kyler Helmkamp, and Ava Helmkamp; three brothers, Wilfred (Florence) Vigneaux of Grayling, MI, Homer (Gladys) Vigneaux of Fort Wayne, and Richard (Kathy) Vigneaux of New York; two sisters, Mary Jane (John) Biddle of Salem, Indiana, Augustina (Bernard) Trombley of Columbia City; and a sister-in-law, Betty Vigneaux of Springfield, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and siblings, Alice Huth, Sister Jule Vigneaux, Irene Desormeaux, and Eugene Vigneaux.

Mass of Christian Burial was February 26, 2010 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla.

Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Serving as casketbearers were her grandsons. Honorary casketbearers were her granddaughters and great-grandchildren.

Please make a memorial in loving memory of Rosealma Helmkamp to Life and Family Services, St. Mary's School or to Masses.

Miley Myers, 45

BUTLER — Miley S. Myers, 45, of Butler died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Auburn on Dec. 6, 1964, to Joseph and Carolyn (Voirol) McNamara. They survive in Auburn.

She married David Myers on Sept. 10, 1989, in Auburn and he survives.

She worked for Tower Automotive in Auburn.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph B. Myers of Auburn and Joshua D. Myers at home; and a brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Amy McNamara of Avilla.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Myers

Private family services will be March 4, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Joe Heins will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Barbara Lee Schieber, 79

AUBURN - Barbara Lee Schieber, 79, of Auburn went to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 30, 1931, in Waterloo, to Emery and Dorthea (Wiles) Camp.

She married Karl Schieber on July 23, 1950, in Angola. He remains at their home in Auburn.

Her joy in life came from sharing her faith and being an inspiration to her family and friends. She will be missed.

Mrs. Schieber was a waitress for various restaurants in the Waterloo and Kendallville area. She was also a homemaker.

She was a former member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church. She was an active member of the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry Kay Lancaster of Auburn, and Gloria Ann and Jeff Wimer of Auburn; three grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Charlotte Maxine Bedson of Galion, Ohio, and Rachel Ellen Dohner of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emery Noel and Hildanna Camp of Waterloo, and Thomas Edward and Barbara Camp of Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half sister; and a half brother.

Services were held March 2, 2010 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Rev. Ralph Diehl officiated.

Memorials may be directed to the New Hope Christian Center.

Joan Kelham, 89

AVILLA — Joan Kelham, 89, of Avilla, died on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 25, 1921 in Avilla to Freeman and Gertrude (Weller) Kelham.

She earned her Masters Degree in Music Education from Northwestern University. She was a Music Teacher at Fort Wayne Community Schools for 30 years before retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Zeta Tau Alpha and Delta Kappa Gamma Sororities, Arts Advocates at I.P.F.W., Bar Street Irregulars and a Fort Wayne Philharmonic volunteer.

She is survived by several cousins including: Marjorie Saxer of Garrett; Steve and Kathy Kelham; Barron, Becky and Olivia Thomas; Tracy, Holly, Warren and Katelyn Joseph; Steven, Sara, Addison and Trey Kelham all of Avilla.

The funeral service was held March 3, 2010 at Thomas Funeral Home. Dr. Scott Shoaff officiated. Burial followed in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the I.P.F.W. Music Department.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Jacob E. Fulk, 79

CHURUBUSCO – Jacob E. Fulk, 79, a resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County, died at 3:09 p. m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Sunday.

Mr. Fulk was born on January 23, 1931 in Eel River Township, a son of James and Elva (Bosler) Fulk, and spent his life on the family farm there. As a young man he served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He was married in Green Township on February 20, 1955 to Joyce A. Platt.

He was engaged in farming all of his life, and had also driven a school bus for Northwest Allen Schools for several years.

Surviving are his wife Joyce; four children, Michael (Irene) Fulk, David (Barbara) Fulk, and Jeanette Fulk, all of Churubusco, and Teresa Fulk of Butler; his sisters Lenora Ellen (Franklin) Geiger of Albion and Ruth Ann Arehart of Churubusco; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Daniel Scott Fulk on August 22, 1964; and by his brothers infant Jacob Fulk, John Fulk, Jay F. Fulk, and Lee Fulk.

There will be no services or calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco Volunteer Fire Department or Whitley County EMS Medic 21.

To leave an online condolence, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Linda Perkins-Millberg, 64

ALBION – Linda Marie Perkins-Millberg, age 64, of Albion, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

She was born on June 24, 1945 in Hardburly, KY, to Harold and Mary (Begley) Perkins.

She spent her childhood in Kentucky moving to Rome City, in 1963. She briefly returned to Kentucky in the 1970's before moving to Albion in 1976.

On June 24, 1983 she married Charles Michael Millberg at the Eagles Lodge in Columbia City.

She retired from Union Products, Cromwell in 1997 after many years of service.

In her spare time, she played on a co-ed softball league, loved spending time with her grandkids. Her hobbies included fishing, collecting dolls, bowling and computer work.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Michael Millberg of Albion; 5 children, Mickie (Ronelle) Godsey of Syracuse, Maryruth (Terri Grycza) Godsey of Larwill, Michael Lee (Bambi Lehman) Millberg, Milford, Rebecca Ann (Rudolph Lee) Jacobs of Cromwell, and Jennifer Diane (Bryan) Dial of Albion; 14 grandchildren, Ashlyn, Asbury and Sky Jacobs, Jordan Millberg, Andria Millberg, Erika Dial, Brandie Godsey, Paige Millberg, Michael Jacobs, Dustin Godsey, Braxton Dial, Hunter Lehman, Dustin Maggert, Jason Maggert and Ron (Terri) Maggert; 5 great grandchildren, Kayle Godsey, Taton Godsey, Xaiver Godsey, Devon Warren and Caden Warren; 1 brother, Ray (Brenda) Ritchie of Rome City; 3 sisters, Ida (David) Hughes and Rema (Garrett) Hunter both of Hindman, KY; Jada (Shane) Tyler of Rome City, IN; 5 half brothers and sisters, A.J., Gary, Dally, Holly and Joyce; mother, Mary (Herbert) Conley of Wolcottville; mother-in-law, Helen Millberg of Fort Wayne; 3 sister-in-laws, Darlene (Leo) Backs and Christine Jones both of Fort Wayne; Joyce Jones of Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Perkins and stepmother and step father, Elsie and Ben Ritchie.

Services were held March 3, 2010 at the Demoney-Grimes. Certified Funeral Celebrant, Sharon Brockhaus, officiated. Burial followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Memorial gifts may be given in memory of Mrs. Perkins-Millberg to the donor's choice of charity. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Jazmin Sumner, infant

AVILLA - Jazmin Sumner, infant daughter of Joseph A. Sumner and Beth A. Carteaux, died shortly after birth at home on Thursday, Feburuary 25, 2010.

Jazmin is survived by her parents Joseph A. "Joe" Sumner and Beth A. Carteaux, both of Avilla; brother, Alexander Sumner and sister, Tabitha Sumner, both at home; maternal grandparents: Tammy and Paul "Jr" Harper of Kendallville and Rick and Tina Carteaux of Marion, Indiana; maternal great-grandparents: Max and Brenda Sayles of Avilla and Russ and Nelle Carteaux of Avilla; several Aunts and Uncles.

Jazmin was preceded in death by her Paternal Grandparents; Barb and Paul Wurn.

Graveside services were held on March 2, 2010 at 11:00 A.M. at the Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Pastor Mary Eilene Spence of the God's Grace Ministires United Methodist Church in Marion, Indiana officiated the graveside service.

Arrangements were by the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 3, 2010, Wednesday

William Sizemore, 73

ST. DAVID, Ariz. — William "Bill" Sizemore, 73, of St. David, Arizona, and formerly of Hudson, Ind., died Saturday, February 20, 2010, in his residence.

He was born May 29, 1936, in Knott County, Kentucky, to Ottis and Freida (Fuller) Sizemore. In 1956, he married Ruby Coburn in Stroh.

Mr. Sizemore lived in Arizona 13 years, coming from Hudson.

He was a home builder for Commodore Homes in Syracuse.

Mr. Sizemore attended the St. David Church in St. David, Ariz., and gave his life to Christ two weeks before he died.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby Sizemore of St. David, Arizona; his mother, Freida Sizemore of Avilla; two daughters, Pamela Sizemore of Albion and Tammy Rasler of Fremont; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Brian and Laura Sizemore of Stroh, Brad and Helen Sizemore of Rome City, Bart Sizemore of LaGrange, Bruce Sizemore of Rome City, and Ed and Veda Sawyer of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Stacy Smith, Heather Sizemore, Brittany Sizemore, Trevor Sizemore, Faith Sizemore, Nikki Tote, Billy Prater, Alex Sizemore, Ciara Sawyer and Cami Sawyer; four stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lola and Lotchie Conley of Stroh and Cynthia Ann and Kenny Rowlison of Kendallville; and a brother, Morris Sizemore of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ottis Sizemore.

Services were held March 3, 2010, at the Five Corner Baptist Church, Wolcottville. Pastor Clarence Combs, Pastor Lee Combs, Pastor Willie Collins, and Pastor Jerry Collins officiated. Burial took place in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Ruby Sizemore.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 3, 2010, Wednesday

Sue Ann Streeter, 50

Auburn - Sue Ann Streeter, age 50, died Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 6:40 PM at her home in Auburn, after a long battle with cancer. She was born on June 24, 1959 in Columbia City, and was the daughter of Robert andElizabeth (Elser) Shellman. She has lived in Auburn since 2000, and prior to that she was a lifetime area resident of Albion.

She graduated from Central Noble High School in 1977, and was Vice President of Mechanical Systems in Avilla, where she has been employed since 2004.

On July 8, 2006,she married Dale Streeter in Auburn, he survives in Auburn.

Mrs. Streeter regualary attended church at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star Prentiss Chapter for over 25 years, and former member of the Albion American Legion Post 242 Auxilliary.

She loved gardening, sewing, crafts, NASCAR, traveling, but above all loved being with her grandkids, and her family.

Surviving are her husband, Dale; her mother, Elizabeth Shellman of Albion; sons, Jeremiah (Amy) Klopfenstein of Portland, IN; and Drew (Nicole) Streeter of Tampa, Florida; daughters, Jessica (Matt) Balyeat of Avilla; Hilary (Carl) McCafferty of Tampa, Florida; and Haley (Alex) Kurr of New Port Ritchie, Florida; five grandchildren, Mason M. and Myah Balyeat, Kylie and Max Klopfenstein, Adian Streeter and expecting another in August; brothers, R. Alan (Judy) Shellman of Manteca, California; Michael R. (Terresa) Shellman of Albion, and Mark (Beth) Shellman of Albion; mother-in-law, Crystal Streeter of Auburn, and special family friend, Andy Kennedy of Auburn; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Shellman on January 31, 2004.

Funeral services for Mrs. Streeter will be Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 2:00 PM at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Pastor Sue Socha will officiate. Calling will be on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 at the funeral home. Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star will conduct a service at 8:00. Calling is also one hour prior to the service on Thursday.

Burial will be at Oak Lawn Gardens in Titusville, Florida at a later date.

Please make memorial contributions to the family. brazzellfuneralhome.com to sendonlinecondolences.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 4, 2010, Thursday

Ruth Fausnaugh

KIMMELL — Ruth Ida Fausnaugh, 91, of Kimmell died at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

Mrs. Fausnaugh

Mrs. Fausnaugh was a dedicated homemaker and a lifetime area resident.

She and her husband, the Rev. Bernard Fausnaugh, founded the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell in 1974. Rev. Fausnaugh served as pastor there until his death in 1998. Ruth continued to faithfully attend the church following her husband's death.

She was born May 2, 1918, in Auburn to John and Floy (Holmes) Griffin. She married Bernard Fausnaugh on January 3, 1946, in Garrett. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Stanley (Nancy) Fausnaugh of Ligonier and Steven Fausnaugh of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Debra Hanlon of Wawaka; a brother, Harold (Charlene) Griffin of Waterloo; three sisters, Alice (Dan) Whonsettler of Avilla, Pauline (Lawrence) Baliet of Corunna and Patricia Hornet of Auburn; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Joe Griffin Sr.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Lighthouse Tabernacle, 6522 E. Noe St., Kimmell, with Pastor Glenn Patrick of Lighthouse Tabernacle, and the Rev. Betty Valett officiating.

Burial will be in Kimmell Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2010, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Lighthouse Tabernacle, 6522 E. Noe St., Kimmell, IN 46760.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Denise Baker

GOSHEN — Denise Lynn Baker, 56, of Goshen and formerly of Milbank, S.D., died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Peace Lutheran Church in Milbank.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the church.

Burial will be in Milbank Cemetery in Milbank, S.D.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Jeron Biddle

ANGOLA — Jeron L. Biddle, 69, passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at his residence in Angola.

Mr. Biddle

Born in Ossian, he retired in 1985 from the Fort Wayne Police Department after 21 years of service.

Jeron loved his family and grandchildren.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Biddle was a member of Summit City Lodge No. 170, F.&A.M. Pokagon Shrine and Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Donna Biddle of Angola; his sons, Lee (Robin) Biddle of Fort Wayne and David (Aimee) Biddle of Angola; a daughter, Rebecca Biddle of Fort Wayne; a brother, James (Willie) Biddle of Fort Wayne; a sister, Gloria Biddle of Boulder Creek, Calif; and his grandchildren, Cole, Nathan, Alexandria, Leah and Nicholas.

Jeron was preceded in death by his brother, William Biddle, and sister, Patricia Franke.

Service is at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior. The Rev. Wayne Berkesch will officiate.

Calling will also be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with Fraternal Order of Police Service at 4:30 p.m. and Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Cameron Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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Sharon Surfus

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Sharon J. (Little) Surfus, 73, of Springfield died Monday, March 1, 2010, following several years of failing health.

Mrs. Surfus was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the United Methodist Women, and the Emmaus Community. Prior to moving to Springfield, she and her husband were members of Butler United Methodist Church in Butler, Ind.

She was born in DeKalb County, Ind., on June 27, 1936, to Glenn and Ruth (Culbertson) Little. She married Jim S. Surfus on Sept. 21, 1957. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and their spouses, Jeffrey and Stephanie Surfus of Dexter, Mich., Joel Surfus and Craig Starnes of Long Beach, Calif., and Eric and Lara Surfus of Monroe, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Max Little.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Steven Hayes officiating.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Littleton & Rue Funeral Home in Springfield.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church, 104 E. Clark St., North Hampton, OH 45349 or the Alzheimers Association, 3797 Summit Glen Drive, Dayton, OH 45459.

Send online condolences to the family at www.littletonandrue.com

Bonnie Pinkham

BRYAN, Ohio — Bonnie L. Pinkham, 72, of Bryan died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at the Evergreen Manor Nursing Home in Montpelier.

She was born in Angola, Ind., on Feb. 19, 1938, to Christopher and Hannah M. (Beebe) Petre.

Surviving are three sons and their spouses, Jeff and Tina Pinkham of Bryan, Russell and Lynn Pinkham of Hamilton, Ind., and Richard and Toni Pinkham of Caliente, Nev.; two sisters, Donna King of Angola and Jane Hopkins of Edon; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Maurice Pinkham; two brothers; and five sisters.

Private services will be held at the Thompson Funeral Home in Montpelier.

Memorials are to the Evergreen Manor Nursing Home's Activity Fund.

Katherine Noelker

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for Katherine Noelker, 94, of Kendallville will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne with Father James Stoyle officiating.

Mrs. Noelker died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Everett Chapman

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Everett Dennis Chapman, 64, of Mark Center died Thursday, Feb.25, 2010, at a hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hicksville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Faith Marti

KENDALLVILLE — Faith E. Marti, 74, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in her residence.

Mrs. Marti had worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Edgar Miller.

Mrs. Marti

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born March 23, 1935, in Kendallville to Russell and Alice (Eddy) Perkins. She married Robert N. Marti on Dec. 31, 1953, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 2010.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Roxann and Bill Ebert of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Suzanna Marti of Jones, Mich., and Michael and Vikki Marti of Huntertown; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Doyne and Judy Perkins of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Marti, and a brother, Robert Perkins.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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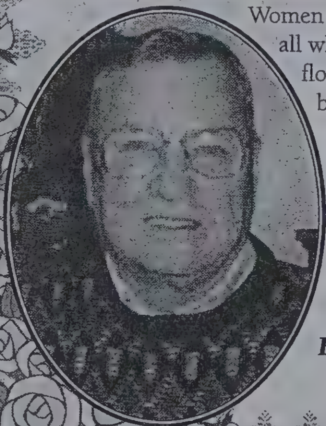
The family of Robert (Bob) Marti

would sincerely like to thank everyone for their love and support during the loss of our Husband, Dad, Grandpa and Great-Grandpa.

We would especially like to thank Pastor Greibel, Pastor Shriner, Chaplain Steve Conner, Young Funeral Home, Parkview Hospital, and all the doctors & nurses.



We would also like to thank the members of St. John Lutheran Church, the Women of St. John, his Meadow Lane neighobors and all who helped celebrate his life with memorials, flowers & food. Being able to help maintain the boiler at St. John, we guessed that God's boiler in heaven broke and He needed Dad to fix it! We loved to hear him imitate his twin great-granddaughters after a meal asking, "Can I be done now?"

Yes Dad...you can be done now! Rest in Peace! We love you!

Faith Marti, Bob & Suzie Marti,
Bill & Roxann Ebert, Mike & Vikki Marti,
Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

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Richard Fulk

AVILLA — Richard L. "Dick" Fulk, age 81, died Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 1:35 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient for four weeks.

Mr. Fulk

He was born March 22, 1928, in Noble County and was the son of Alfred and Naomi (Renkenberger) Fulk.

He spent his lifetime in the Noble County area, and lived at LaVerna Terrace in Avilla since 1998.

He married Donna Jean Fischer on October 3, 1953, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She died on September 23, 1998.

Mr. Fulk retired from Dexter Axel in 1990 and worked as a maintenance man at Provena Sacred Heart Home and Strawser Brothers.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla for over 50 years. He was also a member of the VFW in Churubusco.

He enjoyed golfing, playing solitaire and fishing.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nadine and Larry Coburn of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Patty Fulk of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Chris (Lacy) Coburn of Albion and Josh Coburn of Kendallville; a great-grandson, Kaden Coburn; and a sister, Doris Householder of Albion.

He is preceded in death by his wife; parents; brothers, Bob, Harold, Howard, Donald, Dale, Allen and Jim Fulk; and sisters, Glenna Gaff, LaVon Monroe and Betty Hoffman.

Funeral services for Mr. Fulk will be Monday, March 8, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Tom Novy will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Connor Witte

WOLCOTTVILLE — Connor S. Witte, 6-week-old son of Brad A. and Staci A. (Brill) Witte of Okawville, Ill., died Monday, March 1, 2010, at Washington County Hospital in Nashville, Ill.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville, with the Revs. James Tews and Kirk Clayton officiating. Burial will be Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 101 S. Railway, Mascoutah, IL 62258.

Arrangements are being handled by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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James Spears

ANGOLA — James W. Spears, 68, of Angola died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Matthew Ellison

ANGOLA — Mathew R. Ellison, 33, of Angola died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in Angola.

Mr. Ellison had been employed at Pure Intergration.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born July 8, 1976, in Fort Wayne.

He married Tanya Campbell on June 7, 2003, in Angola. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving is a son, Ryan Ellison of Angola; a daughter, Zoe Ellison of Angola; his father, Donald Ellison of Eustis, Fla.; his mother and stepfather, Linda Geiger and David Mellinger of Foley, Ala.; his grandparents, Robert and Dorothy Ellison of Lady Lake, Fla., and Ruth Geiger of Foley, Ala.; a brother, Paul Ellison of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Aimee Wesling of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Paul Geiger.

Memorial visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Tanya Ellison for his children's education.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com

Robert Prater

AVILLA — Robert Joseph Prater, 27, of Avilla died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at his home.

He was a 2001 graduate of Big Creek High School.

Mr. Prater was born May 11, 1982, in War, W.Va., to Joseph Ray and Debra Sue Prater. He married Kristin J. Goodpastor on July 22, 2006. She survives in Kendallville.

Other survivors include a daughter, Tristan Ann Prater of War, W.Va.; two sisters, Missy and Bill Beavers and Katelyn Prater; a brother, Jason and Jessica Prater; and his grandparents, Mildred Prater and Joe Bolen Jr.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Virginia Harmon, and his grandfather, Joseph Prater.

Family viewing was held Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Independent Church of the Living God in Shop Hollow, W.Va.

Visitation will be Monday after 6 p.m. at the church in Shop Hollow.

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Allen Pyle

KENDALLVILLE — Allen Leron Pyle, age 72, of Kendallville went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, March 4, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Pyle

Mr. Pyle was born in South Bend, Indiana, on January 27, 1938, to Albert Leron and Dorothy Mae (Johnson) Pyle.

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1956 and went to barber's school in Indianapolis.

Known in the area as "Al The Barber," he made barbering his life-long career and he was well-known in the Kendallville area for giving haircuts for more than 50 years.

He married Martha Marie Baker on June 29, 1985, at the Church of God in Kendallville.

Family and church were very important to Al. As a member of the Harvest Community Church, he was involved as an elder and treasurer and Bible study host. Al went on many mission trips over the years, his last was to Ethiopia. He was also involved in Prison Film Ministry.

Al collected antique model cars and had an extensive collection of Franklin Mint cars. He loved reading, wood carving, and he was proud of the fact that he was the first Eagle Scout in Noble County.

Survivors include: Wife, Marty Pyle of Kendallville; Father, Albert Pyle of Kendallville; Son, Jardan Pyle of Las Vegas, Nevada; Daughter, Kimberly and Roger Bolen of Kendallville; Son, Brad and Kari Sage of Kendallville; Son, Gary Sage of Kendallville; Son, Bret Sage of Kendallville; Grandchildren: Angela and Ricky Williams, Derek Bolen, Courtney Bolen, Lindsay Bolen, Lauren Sage, Morgan Sage, Ashlyn Sage, Sean Sage, Tim Fugate, Brent Sage, Cory Sage, Kyland Sage and Chase Sage;

Great-grandchild: Trenton Bolen; Sister, Nancy and Jack Cole of Albion; and Brother, Ernie and Sue Pyle of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy; his first wife, Carol (Moore) Pyle; a sister, Joann French; and a brother, Ron Pyle.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 7, 2010, from 2-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 8, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville. There will be an hour of visitation before the funeral service at the church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Jack Crothers.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Casketbearers will be Derek Bolen, Trevor Pyle, Tim Fugate, Larry Baker, Brandan Baker and Rod Eagleson.

Preferred memorials may be made to Harvest Community Church.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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James Spears

ANGOLA — James W. Spears 68 of Angola, Indiana, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, Indiana.

James retired from Consolidated Freightways, Fremont, Indiana, where he was a supervisor.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

James was born January 9, 1942, in Lenoir City, Tenn., to James P. and Evelyn Kirkland Spears.

Surviving are two sons, Andy Spears of Angola, Indiana, and Brad Spears of Cromwell, Indiana; three daughters, Beth Richardson of Angola, Indiana, Tiena Manypenny of Wichita, Kansas, and Marla Shelton of Anderson, Indiana; along with his former wife, Carol Spears.

Also surviving are his 10 grandchildren, Branden Manypenny, Kayli Manypenny, Lucas Richardson, Jacob Richardson, Riley Spears, Nicholas Spears, Cody Spears, Zach Spears, Christina Morrison and Britany Plummer Caldwell; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; one daughter, Angie Plummer; and one grandson, Jordan Plummer.

Memorial services will be 7 p.m. Monday March 8, 2010, at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana, with visitation from 4-7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society, Angola, Indiana.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Arrangements are being handled by the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, IN.

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Randy Cusick

AUBURN — Randy Lee Cusick, 43, passed away at his home on Thursday, March 4, 2010, surrounded by his loved ones.

He attended DeKalb High School.

He recently worked at AZZ Galvanizing in Hamilton. He previously worked at Bohn Aluminum, and Renaissance Publishing Company.

He was an avid fisherman and loved NASCAR. He enjoyed camping with his family. He also enjoyed spending quality time with his great-nephew and great-niece.

He was born on March 12, 1966, in DeKalb County to Laura (Casto) Hartsock and Lee Cusick.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Laura and Robert Hartsock of Montpelier, Ohio; his father and stepmother, Lee and Jan Cusick of Peoria, Arizona; the love of his life, Nancy Deardorf of Auburn; one sister and her husband, Candy and Ron Saylor of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Angela and Mike Morr of Auburn; and a nephew, Adam Saylor of Auburn.

Also surviving are Nancy's children — her daughter and spouse, Melissa and Wade McWilliams of Galveston, Texas; her son and his girlfriend, Jeremy Deardorf and Jessica Sweitzer of Auburn; a great-niece and great-nephew, Preslee and Gavin Morr; and several stepbrothers and stepsisters.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Penny Cusick in 2001.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family to help with medical expenses.

Frank Kwiatek

BRONSON, Mich. — Frank V. Kwiatek, 52, of Bronson, died Thursday, March 4, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson.

Calling will be held Monday, March 8, 2010 from 4-8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Vedra Sink

LAGRANGE — Vedra A. Sink, 78, of LaGrange died Friday, March 5, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in rural Shipshewana.

Memorials may be given to the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Judith Miller

ST. JOE — Judith Ann Miller, 68, of St. Joe died Friday, March 5, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to Cancer Service of Northeast Indiana.

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Paul Moore

HUNTINGTON — Paul A. Moore, 88, formerly of St. Joe, Indiana, died Thursday evening (March 4, 2010) at Heritage Pointe in Warren, Indiana.

Mr. Moore

He was born on October 12, 1921, in Hicksville, Ohio, to the late Enos C. and Lola B. (Elliott) Moore. He married Leila Mae Hurni on October 23, 1948, in St. Joe, Indiana. She preceded him in death on January 9, 1999. He married Lola K. (Tyner) Brubaker on December 19, 1999, in Loon Creek Church of the Brethren in Huntington.

Surviving are his wife, Lola K. Moore of Huntington, Ind.; daughters, Rowena (Dan) Edquid of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Janelle (David) Baggett of Spring, Texas; stepsons, Deloss Brubaker of Atlanta, Ga., Darwin "Ike" (Mary Beth) Brubaker of Boswell, Ind., and Dennis (Janell) Brubaker of Huntington, Ind.; his grandchildren, Carrie (Matt) Billings, Kristen Edquid, Travis (Meridale) Baggett, and Britney (Erik) Heim; his great-grandchildren, Madelyn Billings and Sylvia Baggett; six stepgrandchildren; eight stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother,Ted (Phyllis) Moore Mt. Dora, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, Lee, Akin, Ray and Glenn Moore; and six sisters, Marguerite and Esther Moore, Leila Bloemke, Martha Parker, Elizabeth Stemen and Maxine Kelley.

Paul retired from Dana Corporation in 1987 after 36 and one half years as a truck repairman.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Paul was a member of St. Joe Church of Christ, a former member of the St. Joe Lion's Club and a member of the Auburn American Legion.

He was an avid Cubs fan.

Calling will be held on Sunday (March 7, 2010) from 3-7 p.m. at St. Joe Church of Christ in St. Joe, Indiana.

Services will be on Monday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe, Ind.

Memorials are to Family Hospice & Palliative Care, 265 W. Water St. Berne, IN 46711.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville, Ind.

THE NEWS SUN
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Betty Haynes

AVILLA — Betty L. Haynes, 63, of Avilla died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at 12:03 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital's intensive care unit in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Tuesday. She had been in declining health since November 2009.

She was a lifetime Avilla resident.

Along with her husband Bill, they owned and operated for several years the BJ's Small Engine Repair in Avilla. She also worked for Electric Motors in Garrett for several years, LaOtto Manufacturing and worked for Hays Tap in Avilla for over 15 years.

In her free time Mrs. Haynes loved to cook, spend time with her grandchildren and attend their sporting events. She also enjoyed tending to her yard and gardening.

Mrs. Haynes was a 1964 graduate of Avilla High School and a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 Auxiliary.

She was born on April 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne to the late Herman and Mildred (Isenbarger) Krock. On April 3, 1970, in Kendallville she married William J. "Bill" Haynes. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Tyler and Kim Haynes of Avilla, and Troy and Michelle Haynes of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Hilary Didier of Roanoke, Ind., Nathan Haynes of Avilla, Abby and Collin Haynes, both of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, James Krock Sr. of Avilla, William "Bill" and Marylin Krock Sr. of Avilla and Robert and Bev Krock Sr. of Kendallville; a sister and brother-in-law, Sandy and Tom Lash of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, with Rev. Larry R. Williams officiating. Burial will follow in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla. Active casketbearers will be Jerry Krock, Randy Krock, Bill Krock Jr., Tracy Lash, Bob Krock Jr. and Matt Butler. Honorary casketbearers will be Jim Krock Jr., and Kyle Krock.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, with an additional hour on Wednesday at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, IN 46710.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be given to the Avilla American Legion Post 240 Scholarship Program.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Elmer Freed

GARRETT — Elmer Clair Freed, 97, of Garrett died Friday, March 5, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Freed was a lifetime Fairfield Township farmer. He also was a school bus driver for the Fairfield School and worked for the DeKalb County Highway Department for 10 years, retiring in 1977.

He was born March 29, 1912, in Fairfield Township of DeKalb County to Samuel and Elizabeth (Haines) Freed. He married Doris Ilene Leason on Jan. 13, 1935, in Hamilton. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David H. and Jacqueline Freed of Garrett; a grandson and his wife, Gary and Michelle Freed of Auburn; and a great grandson, Evan Matthew of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Elmer Lee Freed and Delmer Clair Freed; two daughters, Geneva Ellen Freed and Diane Kay Freed; a great grandson, Landon Jacob Freed; four brothers, Clarence Freed, Robert Freed, Howard Freed and Donald Freed; and five sisters, Eva Krum, Pearl Manon, Esther Leins, Dalia Schmuck and Mary Hartman.

Services will be at noon Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday before the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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Jennie Huth

GARRETT — Jennie R. Huth, 38, of Garrett died at 5:17 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 4, 1972, in Auburn to Michael F. and Nancy A. (Garman) Huth. They survive in Garrett.

Jennie worked at Alliance Industries in Garrett for the last few years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett. She was involved in the Special Olympics, Action Club and Alliance Bowling.

She is survived by her parents, Michael F. and Nancy A. Huth; a brother, Christopher M. and Kathy Huth; and and niece and nephew, Rebekah A. Huth and Logan M. Huth, all of Garrett.

Ms. Huth

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett with Fr. Andrew Nazareth officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2010, at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a Rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Alliance Industries.

Condolences may be sent and the online guestbook signed at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Frank Kwiateck

BRONSON, MICH. — Frank V. Kwiateck, 52, of Bronson, Mich., died Thursday, March 4, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He had worked for Madison Wire in Orland, Ind., and later at Syndicate Systems in Middlebury, Ind.

He graduated from Jackson High School in 1976 and moved to Orland in 1982. He later moved to Bronson in 1988 where he currently resided.

Mr. Kwiateck

Frank was an avid hunter, a University of Michigan fan, and was a proud grandfather. His family will remember him as being a hard worker and most of all, a great husband and father.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1958, in Jackson, Mich. He married Karman Alleshouse on May 4, 1985, at Lake Gage Congregational Church. She survives in Bronson.

Also surviving are two sons, Erik (Amy) Kwiatek of Baldwinsville, N.Y., and Trevor Kwiatek of Jackson; a daughter, Britney Kwiatek of Bronson; his mother, Louise Kwaitek of Jackson; two sisters, Yvonne (Paul) Burg of Jackson, and Connie (Wally) Fleming of Kendallville, Ind.; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Alan and Sandy Jeffery of Bronson; a grandson, Noah Taylor Kwiatek; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with minister Stephen Altman officiating. Burial will follow in Greelawn Cemetery in Orland, Ind.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2010, at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Tp share a thought in the online guestbook go to www.dutcherth.com.

Phyllis Fuller

HAMILTON — Phyllis Jean Fuller, 86, died Friday, March 5, 2010, in Angola.

Services are pending with a graveside service at Hamilton Cemetery at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Joyce Diggins

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce N. Diggins, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 8, 2010, Monday

Joseph Prucinsky

LIGONIER — Joseph Michael Prucinsky, age 65, of Valparaiso died on Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Prucinsky

Mr. Prucinsky was formerly of Ligonier, where he was born on August 16, 1944, to the late Joseph and Margaret (Fuzey) Prucinsky.

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1962 and attended Purdue University for two years before entering the United States Nuclear Navy. He served in the Navy for eight years during the Vietnam era.

He married Ann Marie Glascow on September 6, 1965, at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Chapel on Big Long Lake near Stroh.

Joe retired in January 2006 from NIPSCO after 28 years of service as a Senior Instructor/Operations.

He was a member of the St. Paul Catholic Church in Valparaiso and enjoyed fishing and woodworking.

Joe was truly blessed with the unique gift of mastering many different tasks especially repairing things.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Prucinsky of Valparaiso; two sons, Joseph and Caitlyn Prucinsky of Fishers, Indiana, and Matthew and Kimberly Prucinsky of Vail, Arizona; a daughter, Angela and Scott Bartlett of Valparaiso; five grandchildren, Amelia and Josalyn Prucinsky, and Alexander, Cole, Jacob Bartlett; his mother-in-law, Teresa Glascow of Hudson; two sisters, Patricia and Jack Ottaiano of Shorewood, Illinois, and Rosemary and Don Gillespie of Ligonier; and a brother, Gary Prucinsky of Ligonier.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Robert Prucinsky, and sisters, Mary Ellen Prucinsky and Virginia Barnes.

Visitation will be today, Monday, March 8, 2010, from 5-8 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 509 W. Division St., in Valparaiso, Indiana.

A second visitation will take place Tuesday, March 9, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Chapel on Big Long Lake near Stroh, Indiana.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at St. Mary of the Angels Chapel.

Officiating the funeral service will be Father David Carkenord.

Burial will be at Wright Cemetery near Stroh.

Preferred memorials may be made to Leukemia Research Foundation or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

John Abbott

ELKHART — John D. Abbott, 87, of Elkhart died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Hubbard Hill Estates, Elkhart.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army.

Joyce Diggins

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce Needham Diggins, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Phyllis Fox

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Jean Fox, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fox

Mrs. Fox was born in Kendallville on October 4, 1926, to the late Albert and Iva Corrine Schmuck.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and married Jean B. Fox on February 20, 1947, in Kendallville.

Jean was a homemaker and retired as a part-time bookkeeper with L.H. Gunsaulus and Sons in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids, working crossword and word search puzzles.

Survivors include her husband, Jean Fox of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda and Dean DeGroff of Kendallville and Stacy and John Cochard of Kendallville; her grandchildren, Douglas and Rebecca DeGroff of Kendallville; Alan Fox of Missoula, Montana; Audrey and Brian Paul of Wolf Lake; Emily Cochard of Kendallville; and Justin Cochard of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Dan Fox, PhD., on March 20, 1999; her sisters, Beulah Lash, Irene Cain, Margaret Shippy, Alberta Jackson, Marjorie Springer, Cleo McKean, Thelma Grossman and Kate Munk; and her brother, Warren Schmuck.

Memorial services will be Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the memorial service will be Pastor Bob Farmer.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome

Laura Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Laura J. Bontrager, 59, of Middlebury died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at her residence.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Freeman Bontrager residence, 10740 W. C.R. 450N, Shipshewana. Burial will be in New Pennsylvania Cemetery, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Orpha Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Orpha S. Miller, 54, of Shipshewana died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at her residence.

She was born Aug. 10, 1955, in Elkhart to Simon A.B. and Anna M. (Hostetler) Miller.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Nettie (Orville) Miller, Esther Miller and LaVerda Miller, all of Shipshewana; four brothers, Clyde (Nettie) Miller of Shipshewana, her twin, Orva (Mary) Miller of LaGrange, Mahlon (Mary) Miller of Howe, and Wilbur (Deb) Miller of Shipshewana; 15 nieces; 11 nephews; 11 great-nieces; five great-nephews; three uncles; and six aunts.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four aunts and an uncle.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Clyde Miller residence, 28645 N. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday also at the Clyde Miller residence. Services will be conducted by Bishop Freeman Miller and home ministers. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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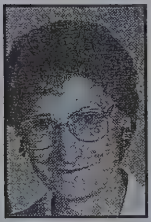
Opal Stetler

FREMONT — Opal E. Stetler, 80, of Fremont and Coldwater, Mich., died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Maple Lawn Nursing Center in Coldwater, Mich.


Mrs. Stetler

Mrs. Stetler was a homemaker and helped with the family farm. She has also worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne and at several other businesses.

She attended Bethel School in Branch County, Mich., and has previously lived in Fort Wayne and in the East Gilead and Coldwater areas.

She attended Stokes Chapel United Methodist Church and also attended East Ovid United Brethren Church.

She was born July 27, 1929, in Coldwater to Delphi Elsworth and Alta Viola (Sousley) Dove. She married Billie Dean Stetler in 1946 in Fremont. He preceded her in death Aug. 24, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Marvin and Martha Stetler of Coldwater, Mich.; three daughters, Faye Fee of Coldwater, Mich., Cherly (Terry Carpenter) Hutchins of Fremont, and Joann and Tim Coonce of Huntertown; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Madge Scheidler of Coldwater; and two brothers, Delmar Dove of Fremont and Jacob "Jake" and Wanda Dove of Birmingham, Ala.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son-in-law, Lanny Fee; four sisters, Freda Kosmerick, Agnes Kimbell, Wilda Thornton and Blanche Leland; and a brother, LeRoy Dove.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. The Rev. Edward Mohr will officiate. Burial will be in California Cemetery, California Township, Montgomery, Mich.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Tarlton

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Elizabeth Tarlton, 92, of Kendallville died Monday, March 8, 2010, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Tarlton

Mrs. Tarlton retired from Taylor Made in Kendallville in 1978.

She was a life member of VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary, past member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge, and attended the South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born July 6, 1917, in DeKalb County to Albert and Esther (Ladd) Schulthess. On April 27, 1974, she married Lester Tarlton. He preceded her in death in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Tom Mortimore of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Alice Martin of Garrett, Larry and Betty Martin of Ligonier and Kenny and Lois Martin of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Tina Marie and Todd Reighter of Auburn, Michael Allen Martin of Auburn, Robert Foust of Kendallville, Tab and Amy Foust of Kendallville, Dawn and Don Reed of Edon, Ohio, Lori and Dave Preston of Kendallville, Christine and Robert Conrad of Ligonier, Tonia Hotchkiss of Kendallville, Tara and Gabe Norris of Albion, and Brian and Sidonia Martin of Wolcottville; three stepgrandchildren, Thomas and Cindy Mortimore of Huntington, Wade Mortimore of Dayton, Ohio, and Kay and Mike Tuttle of Huntington; 17 great-grandchildren, Jerimiah Foust, Robert Foust, Chris Elser, Michelle Keck, Raymond Reed, Spenser Reed, Holly Ort, Amanda and Rick Naatz, Nicole Preston, Kayla Preston, Samantha Preston, Jessica Conrad, Alyssa Conrad, Madalyn Hotchkiss, Ryan Hotchkiss, Lane Norris and Owen Norris; five stepgreat-grandchildren, Ashley Mortimore, Seth Mortimore, Jade Mortimore, Samantha Tuttle and Jennifer Tuttle; four great-great-grandchildren, Madison Naatz, Noelani Foust, Kody Martin and Briana Rae Reed; two stepgreat-great-grandchildren, Wyatt Mortimore and Brodie Mortimore; and three nieces, Linda Gradeless of Florida, Donna Mae Longardner of Auburn and Tammy Schulthess of California.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Lisa Lash; two brothers, Don and Earl Schulthess; and a half brother, Dale Schulthess.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. States St., Kendallville, with the Rev. John Lutton of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Casketbearers will be members of Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be Wednesday, March 10, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home of Fort Wayne or to VFW Post 2749 Auxiliary.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Phyllis Fuller

HAMILTON — Phyllis Jean Fuller, 86, of Hamilton died Friday, March 5, 2010.

Mrs. Fuller had been a secretary at the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis, Mich.

She graduated from International Business College with a degree in business.

Mrs. Fuller was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ.

She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Steuben County to Bryan and Bessie (Jackson) Baxter.

Surviving are two sons, Kirk Aldrich of Hamilton and Rick Fuller of LaGrange; four daughters, Leslie Loucks of Stroh, Pat Merrifield of LaGrange, Pam Hackett of LaGrange and Peggy Sutton of Rome City; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; a brother; and a sister.

Graveside services will be held at Hamilton Cemetery at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

To sign a guestbook, go to www.weichtfuneralhome.com

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Phyllis Fox

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Jean Fox, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fox

Mrs. Fox was born in Kendallville on October 4, 1926, to the late Albert and Iva Corrine Schmuck.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and married Jean B. Fox on February 20, 1946, in Kendallville.

Jean was a homemaker and retired as a part-time bookkeeper with L.H. Gunsaulus and Sons in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids, and working crossword and word search puzzles.

Survivors include her husband, Jean Fox of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda and Dean DeGroff of Kendallville and Stacy and John Cochard of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Laura Fox of Missoula, Montana; her grandchildren, Douglas and Rebecca DeGroff of Kendallville; Alan Fox of Missoula, Montana; Audrey and Brian Paul of Wolf Lake; Emily Cochard of Kendallville; and Justin Cochard of Kendallville; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Dan Fox, PhD., on March 20, 1999; her sisters, Beulah Lash, Irene Cain, Margaret Shippy, Alberta Jackson, Marjorie Springer, Cleo McKean, Thelma Grossman and Kate Munk; and her brother, Warren Schmuck.

Memorial services will be today, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the memorial service will be Pastor Bob Farmer.

Memorials are Lutheran Life Villages or Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.

Janet Tracey

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Janet Rose (Smith) Tracey, 72, died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at the Battle Creek Health System Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., following a brief illness.

Ms. Tracey

She was born July 25, 1937, to Paul C. and Blanche (Lung) Smith. She lived all of her childhood years near Helmer on the farm that was homesteaded by her great-grandfather.

She attended Fairfield Elementary School and Ashley High School. She resided in California after high school, moved back to the Ashley area for many years and worked as a nurse's aide in Angola. She ended her working career at Trin Inc., in Ashley and then moved to Battle Creek.

She was active at the St. John's United Church of Christ, Ashley, where she served as an organist. She taught piano lessons for a period of time. She was gifted with musical talent and enjoyed sharing that gift with other people.

She is survived by two sons, Rick Luttman of Butler and Darrell Ettleman of Battle Creek; a daughter Kym Torres of California; four grandchildren; three brothers, Van Smith of Ashley, Wayne Smith of Springfield, Mo., and Gilbert Smith of Fresno, Calif.; three sisters, Beth Hoskins of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Isabelle Kravik of Mesa, Ariz., and Jeanne Knisely of Pleasant Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Greg Luttman; two brothers, Lloyd Smith and Richard Smith; and three sisters, Pauline McBride, Betty Cox and Hilda Reinoehl.

A family memorial service is pending.

Memorials may be sent to St. John's United Church of Christ, 0021 C.R. 23, Ashley, IN 46705 or Willard Library, 7 W. Van Buren St., Battle Creek, MI 49017.

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Joyce Diggins

KENDALLVILLE — Joyce Needham Diggins, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Diggins

The melody of her life lifted us all. Joyce always had a song in her heart, a flower in her garden and a kind word for everyone. Her belief in the goodness of mankind never failed her and her humility and passion for life was infectious.

Joyce was a devoted daughter and sister, cherished by none more than her nieces. She gave of her talents and passion freely, playing her beloved piano for Rotarians, Methodists, Baptists, friends and family. She was a compassionate and dedicated teacher; someone many of her students kept in touch with during their adult lives. Joyce's fierce independence and self-sufficiency was inspirational to all who knew her. We will miss the sunshine our beloved "AJ" brought into our lives.

A graduate of Ball State Teacher's College, Joyce Diggins retired after 39 years of teaching elementary school in Elkhart, Middlebury, and 28 years at North Side School in Kendallville. Always active in the community, Miss Diggins was a member of Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Red Hats, was a Past Worthy Matron of Eastern Star and member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Miss Diggins was born June 29, 1923, in Wolcottville and preceded in death by her parents Harold Howard and Ruth Marie (Needham) Diggins; two brothers, Donald R. Diggins of LaGrange and Vance W. Diggins of Empire, Michigan.

Surviving are seven nieces: Barbara Walter (Ernest), Anderson, S.C.; Elaine Flynn (Terry), Moab, UT; Sally Marie Shepherd, Albuquerque, NM; Jan Diggins (Wilbur Montgomery), Indianapolis, IN; Martha Gerlach, Albuquerque, NM; Cathy McKinley (James), New Palestine, IN; and Nancy Gleffe (Robert), Grand Rapids, MI; and two nephews, Vance W. Diggins (Jane), Berthoud, CO and; John H. Diggins (Karen), Far Hills, NJ; and 21 great-nieces and nephews and five great-great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at the Young Family Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, on Thursday, March 11, 2010, from 3p.m. until 6p.m.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 12, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with Pastor G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or the Eastern Star.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Lydia Gingerich

MIDDLEBURY — Lydia (Schrock) Gingerich, 86, Middlebury died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at the home of her daughter in Sarasota, Fla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Riverview Mennonite Church, 69212 U.S. 131, White Pigeon, Mich. A graveside burial service will be in held at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to The Haven in White Pigeon, MI.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Alice Mason

YULEE, Fla. — Alice Mason, 60, died Sunday, March 7, 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Mason; a daughter, Carrie Beaver; two sisters, Betty and Jean; a brother, Dewey Renfrow of Auburn; and two grandchildren, Brittney Beaver and Brandon Beaver.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Goldie Renfrow, and a brother, Gary Renfrow.

Funeral arrangements are pending in Florida.

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Carlyle Herald

SOUTH BEND — Carlyle F. Herald of Regency Place in South Bend, Ind., died at 9:15 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2010.

Mr. Herald

He was born on November 29, 1923, in Ligonier, Ind., to Howard and Evelyn (Franks) Herald. He married Lulabelle Howell in 1943 in Cromwell, Ind., who predeceased him in death in November 1996.

He is survived by his daughter, Claudia (Don) Stohler of South Bend; his son, Tom (Cyndee) Herald of Syracuse; five grandchildren, Al (Carolyn), Bill (Noell) and Adam Stohler, Nikki (Jeff) Dyson and Brent Herald; and six great-grandchildren, Clayton, Reagan, Mason and Haven Stohler and Vaughn and Mya Dyson.

Carlyle grew up on Alphaland Farms near Ligonier, Ind., which he owned and operated with his son, Tom, until 1984 when he and Lu retired to Mesa, Ariz. In 1994, they returned to the South Bend area. In retirement, he worked for over 10 years at the Martins at S.R. 23 and Ironwood.

In addition to his career as a farmer, Carlyle was very active in his community churches. He served on the Noble County Council and served many positions in the Ligonier Presbyterian Church as well as other churches in the communities where he lived. In his late 70s, he made a mission trip to Kenya, Africa. He was a 65 plus year member of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185 F & AM, a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Orak Shrine, the Elks, and the Lions. As a young father, he was active in 4-H leadership and his son's athletic activities.

Carlyle was always one to utilize his God-given talents and to the end of his life sought ways to contribute, serve and brighten the lives of others.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, 115 S. Frances St., South Bend, with the Rev. James B. Miller officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until the time of services in the church, where a Masonic service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon at the church.

Expressions of sympathy on behalf of Carlyle may be offered to the Scholarship Fund at Sunnyside Presbyterian Church.

Palmer Funeral Home, Hickey Chapel, in South Bend is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be offered to the Herald family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

Shirley McLaughlin

EDGERTON, Ohio — Shirley J. (Kochert) McLaughlin, 68, of Omaha, Neb., and formerly of the Fort Wayne, Ind., area, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, in Omahaafter an extended illness.

She was a 1959 graduate of Riverdale High School and had worked in retail and in Group Homes prior to moving to Nebraska to be with her family.

She was born Oct. 27, 1941, in Bay City, Mich., to John F. and Betty C. (Folk) Kochert.

Surviving are her mother, Betty Kochert, of Fort Wayne; her children, Theresa Mechura, Christopher McLaughlin of Fort Wayne, Rebecca Kpokoudjo and Katrina Cifuno; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and two brothers, John W. Kochert of Fort Wayne and Tim B. Kochert.

She was preceded in death by her father; a son, Mike; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, with Pastor Gary Rowland officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Memorials may be give to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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James Tricker

LIGONIER — James W. Tricker, 58, of Ligonier, Ind., formerly of Decatur died at his residence on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Mr. Tricker

James was born on July 6, 1951, in Adams County, Ind., to the late George J. and Naomi M. (Schultz) Tricker.

James was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Decatur, the Holy Name Society and Moose Lodge 1311.

He loved life and everyone. He loved his two dogs, his cat and fishing, was an avid Yahtzee player and was good with paint by number kits.

Jimmy will be missed and was loved by everyone, but we'll see him again.

Survivors include three brothers, Robert Tricker of Decatur, John (Shirley) Tricker of Bonnyman, Ky., and David (Janet) Tricker of South Bend, Ind.; a sister, Mary Ann Tricker of Ligonier, Ind.; and 17 nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by a brother, William in 1996, a niece Dusty Dawn in 1987, and his parents in 1992.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur, with reciting of the holy rosary at 3:30 p.m.

A 9:20 am Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010, also at the funeral followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father David Voors will be officiating and burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or St. Joseph Catholic School.

To sign a guest book, go to www.haggardandsefton.com

Brian Beckley

ALBION — Brian D. Beckley, 45, died Sunday at his home in Indianapolis.

He is the son of Connie (Kitchen) and Harold Doutt of Albion and Kenneth Beckley also of Albion.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

William Frye

FORT WAYNE — William "Bill" Frye, 72, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Avilla died Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Byron Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to ARC of Indiana.

Betty Jean Caldwell

LEWIS CENTER, Ohio — Betty Jean Caldwell of Lewis Center, Ohio, died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

James Grosenbacher

LAGRANGE — James L. Grosenbacher, 41, of Oak Grove, Ky., died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Fort Campbell Hospital in Fort Campbell, Ky.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

William Edsall

SPENCERVILLE — William H. "Bill" Edsall, 48, of Spencerville died Sunday, Feb. 21, 2010, at his home.

There will be no services.

Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Katie Lambright

GOSHEN — Katie C. Lambright, 76, of Goshen died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at her residence.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family's residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Ernest Hochstetler residence, 11765 C.R. 36, Goshen. Burial will be in Southeast Clinton Cemetery at Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March10, 2010, Wednesday

Richard L. Fulk, 81

AVILLA - Richard L. "Dick" Fulk, age 81, died Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 1:35 AM at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he had been a patient for four weeks.

He was born March 22, 1928 in Noble County and was the son of Alfred and Naomi (Renkenberger) Fulk. He spent his lifetime in the Noble county area, and lived at LaVerna Terrace in Avilla since 1998.

He married Donna Jean Fischer on October 3, 1953 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. She died on September 23, 1998.

Mr. Fulk retired form Dexter Axel in 1990 and worked as a maintenance man at Provena Sacred Heart Home and Strausser Brothers. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War., and a member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla for over 50 years. He was also a member of the V.F.W. in Churubusco.

He enjoyed golfing, playing solitaire and fishing.

Surviving are a daughter, Nadine (Larry) Coburn of Kendallville; son, Greg (Patty) Fulk of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Chris (Lacy) Coburn of Albion and Josh Coburn of Kendallville; a great-grandson, Kaden Coburn; a sister, Doris Householder of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers, Bob, Harold, Howard, Donald, Dale, Allen, and Jim Fulk, and sisters, Glenna Gaff, LaVon Monroe, and Betty Hoffman.

Funeral services for Mr. Fulk were March 8, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Tom Novy officiated.

Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Ruth I. Fausnaugh, 91

WAWAKA – Ruth I. Fausnaugh, age 91, of Wawaka, formerly of Kimmell, passed away Tuesday March 2, 2010 at 2:50 PM from natural causes, in her residence.

She was born on May 2, 1918 to John & Floy (Holmes) Griffin in Auburn, IN. She married Bernard Fausnaugh on January 3, 1946 in Garrett, IN. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1998.

Ruth was a lifelong area resident and a dedicated homemaker. In 1974 she and her husband founded The Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell. Her husband, Rev. Bernard Fausnaugh, served as pastor of the church until he passed away in 1998. After his passing, Ruth continued to faithfully attend the church.

Surviving are two sons, Stanley (Nancy) Fausnaugh of Ligonier, Steven Fausnaugh of Ft. Wayne, one daughter, Debra Hanlon of Wawaka; one brother, Harold (Charlene) Griffin of Waterloo; three sisters, Alice (Dan) Whonsettler of Avilla, Pauline (Lawrence) Baliet of Corunna, and Patricia Hornet of Auburn; six grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and brother: Joe Griffin Sr.

A funeral service was held March 6, 2010 at the Lighthouse Tabernacle, Kimmell, IN. Pastor Glen Patrick officiated. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions are to Lighthouse Tabernacle 6522 East Noe St., Kimmell, IN 46760.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March10, 2010, Wednesday

Phyllis Jean Fox, 83

KENDALLVILLE – Phyllis Jean Fox, age 83, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fox was born in Kendallville on October 4, 1926 to the late Albert and Iva Corrine Schmuck.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and married Jean B. Fox on February 20, 1947 in Kendallville.

Jean was a homemaker and retired as a parttime bookkeeper with L.H. Gunsaulus and Sons in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandkids, working crossword and word search puzzles.

Survivors include: Her husband, Jean Fox of Kendallville; two daughters, Linda (Dean) DeGroff and Stacy and (John) Cochard both of Kendallville; grandchildren: Douglas (Rebecca) DeGroff of Kendallville; Alan Fox of Missoula, Montana; Audrey (Brian) Paul of Wolf Lake; Emily Cochard of Kendallville; and Justin Cochard of Kendallville and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Dan Fox, PhD., on March 20, 1999; her sisters, Beulah Lash, Irene Cain, Margaret Shippy, Alberta Jackson, Marjorie Springer, Cleo McKean, Thelma Grossman, Kate Munk and her brother, Warren Schmuck.

Memorial services were March 9, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the memorial service was Pastor Bob Farmer.

Memorials are to Lutheran Life Villages or Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Betty L. Haynes, 63

AVILLA – Betty L. Haynes, 63, lifetime Avilla resident died on Saturday, March 06, 2010 at 12:03 A.M. in the Intensive Care Unit of the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Tuesday, she had been in declining health since November of 2009.

Betty was born on April 11, 1946 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the late Herman and Mildred (Isenbarger) Krock. On April 3, 1970 in Kendallville she married William J. "Bill" Haynes, he survives in Avilla.

Along with her husband Bill they owned and operated for several years the BJ's Small Engine Repair in Avilla, she also worked for Electric Motors in Garrett for several years, La Otto Manufacturing and worked for Hays Tap in Avilla for over 15 years.

In her free time she loved to cook, spend time with her grandchildren and attending their sporting events. She also enjoyed tending to her yard and gardening.

Betty was a 1964 graduate of the Avilla High School and a member of the Avilla American Legion Post # 240 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Haynes of Avilla, two sons, Tyler (Kim) Haynes of Avilla and Troy (Michelle) Haynes of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Hilary Didier of Roanoke, Indiana, Nathan Haynes of Avilla, Abby and Collin Haynes, both of Kendallville; three brothers, James Krock Sr. of Avilla, William "Bill" (Marylin) Krock Sr. of Avilla and Robert (Bev) Krock Sr. of Kendallville; one sister Sandy (Tom) Lash of Wolcottville.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Services were March 10, 2010 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. The Rev. Larry R. Williams officiated the service.

Burial followed at the Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be given to the Avilla American Legion Post # 240 Scholarship program.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March10, 2010, Wednesday

Allen Leron Pyle, 72

KENDALLVILLE – Allen Leron Pyle, age 72, of Kendallville, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Pyle was born in South Bend, Indiana on January 27, 1938 to Albert Leron and Dorothy Mae (Johnson) Pyle.

He graduated from Albion Jefferson High School in 1956 and went to barber's school in Indianapolis.

Known in the area as "Al The Barber", he made barbering his life-long career and he was well known in the Kendallville area for giving haircuts for more than 50 years.

He married Martha Marie Baker on June 29, 1985 at the Church of God in Kendallville.

Family and church were very important to Al. As a member of the Harvest Community Church, he was involved as an elder and treasurer and Bible study host. Al went on many mission trips over the years, his last was to Ethiopia. He was also involved in Prison Film Ministry.

Al collected antique model cars and had an extensive collection of Franklin Mint cars. He loved reading, wood carving, and he was proud of the fact that he was the first Eagle Scout in Noble County.

Survivors include: wife, Marty Pyle of Kendallville; father, Albert Pyle of Kendallville; sons, Jardan Pyle of Las Vega, Nevada, Brad (Kari) Sage of Kendallville, Gary Sage of Kendallville, and Bret Sage of Kendallville; daughter, Kimberly (Roger) Bolen of Kendallville; grandchildren, Angela (Ricky) Williams, Derek Bolen, Courtney Bolen, Lindsay Bolen, Lauren Sage, Morgan Sage, Ashlyn Sage, Sean Sage, Tim Fugate, Brent Sage, Cory Sage, Kyland Sage, and Chase Sage; great-grandchild, Trenton Bolen; sister, Nancy (Jack) Cole of Albion; brother, Ernie (Sue) Pyle of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy; his first wife, Carol (Moore) Pyle; a sister, Joann French; and a brother, Ron Pyle.

Funeral Services were March 8, 2010 at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Jack Crothers.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Casketbearers were Derek Bolen, Trevor Pyle, Tim Fugate, Larry Baker, Brandan Baker, and Rod Eagleson.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Harvest Community Church.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March10, 2010, Wednesday

Robert Joseph Prater, 27

AVILLA - Robert Joseph Prater, 27, of Avilla, died Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at his home.

Bobby Jo was born to Joseph Ray and Debra Sue Prater on May 11, 1982 in War, West Virginia and graduated from Big Creek High School in 2001.

He married Kristin J. (Goodpastor) Prater on July 22, 2006 and she survives him in Kendallville.

Other survivors a daughter, Tristan Ann Prater of War, West Virginia; two sisters, Missy (Bill) Beavers and Katelyn Prater; a brother, Jason (Jessica) Prater; his Mamaw, Mildred Prater and his Papaw, Joe Bolen, Jr.

He was preceded in death by his Mamaw Virginia Harmon and Papaw, Joseph Prater.

Local arrangements and family viewing was March 4, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services were held March 9, 2010 at the Independent Church of the Living God in Shop Hollow, West Virginia.

Carolyn Bortner, 71

SEBRING, FL – Carolyn (Lung) Bortner, age 71 passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 in Sebring, Fl.

She was born October 9, 1938.

Mrs. Bortner graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in 1957.

Surviving family members are a daughter, Dawna (Mike) Simpson; a granddaughter McKenna of Ohio; a brother, Robert (Jan) Lung of Ligonier; five sisters, Jean Denton of Huntington, Evelyn Martin of California, Martha Schlotterback of Albion, Nina Clark of Huntington, and Florence Cosart.

Preceeding her in death were a son, Sammuel; a brother, Doyle Lung; a sister Dawn Gillespie; and her Parents, Curt and Edna Lung.

Memorial Services will be at a later date.

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James Grosenbacher

LAGRANGE — James L. Grosenbacher, 41, of Oak Grove, Ky., and formerly of LaGrange County died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Fort Campbell Hospital in Fort Campbell, Ky.

Mr. Grosenbacher

Mr. Grosenbacher retired from the United States Army as a staff sergeant in 2007 after serving for 20 years. He was currently working as a helicopter mechanic for a military contractor in Fort Campbell.

He was a member of a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle owners group.

He was born Dece. 15, 1968, in Fort Wayne to Jerald D. and Patricia M. (Blaising) Grosenbacher. They both survive in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a son, Gunnar Grosenbacher of Oak Grove, Ky.; a sister, Jennifer Williams of Sturgis, Mich.; and a half sister, Louisa Dobrinski of Hydro, Okla.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel in rural Howe, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be given to Lakeland High School Athletic Department, c/o James Grosenbacher Football Fund, or the Wounded Warriors Project, c/o Benefits Counseling.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Linda Grimes

AUBURN — Linda Kay (Harter) Grimes, a 20-year resident of Auburn, and a beloved mother, was called to her place in heaven at 6:27 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2010, after a battle with lung cancer joining her parents, Forrest and Betty Harter, and a grandson.

Ms. Grimes

Linda was born in Greenwood, Ind., and attended Center Grove High School.

She was a respected CNA for Canterbury Assisted Living with 31 years of service.

"Everything I am, I owe to my angel mother".

Linda is survived by two sons, William S. (Kathleen) Eddleman and Robert W. (Barb) Eddleman; two daughters, Christine K. (Craig) Allgood and Michelle L. (Coquis) Patino; 11 grandchildren; a brother, Gary Harter; and a sister, Tanya (Harter) Adams.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, with calling one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Visitation is also Friday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

Betty Caldwell

AUBURN — Betty Jean Caldwell, 87, formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Calling will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, Ind.

Funeral services will be at noon at the funeral home with Pastor John Erwin officiating.

Burial will be in Hill Cemetery at Ayersville, Ohio.

Thank You

for the amazing outpouring of love and concern during our time of loss and sorrow. Your cards, prayers and generous donations have been a blessing. Thank you again for all of the support.

The Family of Max L. McFarren

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Martin Luepke

FREMONT — Martin H. Luepke, 94, of Clear Lake near Fremont was called to his eternal glory Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Luepke

Martin was born February 6, 1916, in Uniontown, Missouri, one of five children born to Louis and Magdalena (Hueschen) Luepke. Martin became a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.

Martin married the love of his life Marceal Pauline (Gerke) on June 22, 1940, in Fort Wayne, Ind., and their marriage was blessed with two children, Janice and Donald.

He was a retired career firefighter and proudly served as Fire Chief of the Fort Wayne Fire Department until his retirement in 1967. He and his wife, Marceal, then built their dream home at Clear lake, Fremont, Indiana.

He then continued his life of service as Safety Director at Dana Corporation, Fort Wayne, for 11 years.

The Luepke family moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Martin spent his youth and adult life in Fort Wayne, retiring to Clear Lake (Fremont). Martin graduated from Concordia Lutheran Grade School and South Side High School.

Martin enjoyed traveling, fishing, holiday cookouts at the lakefront and taking his grandchildren for tractor rides and ice cream. He toiled endlessly in the vegetable garden and became quite proficient at wine-making.

He continued to serve his community as Town Board chairman, and was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont, Indiana, and served the church on just about every board and committee available. Martin and Marceal enjoyed their winters in Fort Myers, Florida, and Martin was able to make one last trip this past winter.

Surviving are his wife, Marceal P. Luepke of Clear Lake, Fremont; a daughter, Janice and Tom Nowakowski of Troy, Mich.; a son, Donald and Ellen Luepke of Clear Lake Fremont; four grandchildren, Leanne, Matthew, Rebecca and Nathan; six great-grandchildren, Parick, Miranda, Jessie, Daniel, James and Danielle; five stepgrandchildren, Brian, Amy, Joseph, Kathryn and Coleen; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Iben of Portland, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Timothy Shough; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 15, 2010, at Peace Lutheran Church, 355 E. S.R. 120, Fremont, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. The Fort Wayne Firefighters Union will provide full fire department honor guards and committal services.

Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery at Fremont.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m Sunday, March 14, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church, Concordia Luheran High School or Worship for Shut-ins.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhom.com

Jeffery Brockhaus

LAGRANGE — Jeffery Lee Brockhaus, 46, of Little Turkey Lake, LaGrange, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 10:10 p.m. in his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Mary Goeglein

AUBURN — Mary E. Goeglein, 50, of Auburn, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at her home.

Services will be at 8 p.m Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

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Mary Gillie

FORT WAYNE — Mary Jane Gillie, 93, died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Laurels of DeKalb.

Mrs. Gillie

Mrs. Gillie was a homemaker.

She was born in Allen County to the late William and Maud Strauss.

She is survived by her son, James Gillie of Fort Wayne; her daughter, Sherry Thain of Hamilton; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert R. Gillie in 1986; a daughter, Mary Kay Smyth in 2003; and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be two hours prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department, 3930 E. Church St., Hamilton, IN 46742.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

JoAnn Myers

AUBURN — JoAnn M. Myers, 77, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Myers was a retired nurse. She then spent several years driving a bus for special needs children in Stockton, Calif.

She was a member of the American Legion Post 97 Auxiliary of Auburn.

She was born Dec. 12, 1932, in Anna, Ill., to Noble and Rosalie (Biggs) Bishop.

She married Ross E. Myers on Feb. 28, 1975. He died Sept. 27, 2009.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Van Felber Jr. and Vicki Felber of Newman, Calif., and Joe Felber Sr. and Virginia Felber of Auburn; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Donald Colvett; a granddaughter; and a grandson.

A memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Glen Francis officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

Lewis Ault

BUTLER — Lewis Allen Ault, 62, went to his heavenly home to join his wife Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

He was born June 30, 1947, in Butler to Martin Lewis and Madge G. (Haynes) Ault. They both survive in Auburn.

He was a maintenance journeyman with Citation (Bohn Aluminum) in Butler for 41 years before his retirement in 2008.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

He married Judy Smith on August 12, 1967, in Butler and she passed away March 9, 2004.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Jennifer Ault of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Allena Ault of Butler and Christina and Troy Schoonover of Butler; five grandchildren, Amanda Schoonover, Eryn Schoonover, Andrea Schoonover, Baylie Ault and Serenity Ault; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Phillip and Janet Ault of Fremont and Max and Sally Ault of Butler.

Services will be 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate.

Calling is 2 hours prior to the service Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice or New Hope Christian Center.

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E. Juanita Snellenberger

GREENFIELD — E. Juanita Snellenberger, 92, a resident of Greenfield, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2010, at the Golden Living Center at Brandywine.

Mrs. Snellenberger

She was born October 24, 1917, in Dickson, Tennessee, to the late Ernest and Mable C. (Gibbs) Turner.

Juanita was a homemaker and seamstress.

She was a former member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville and former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Greenfield.

She dearly loved her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by a son, James C. (Alice) Snellenberger of Greenfield; a daughter, Janie C. (Charles) McKay of Pahrump, Nev.; four grandchildren, Dawn, Tonya, Casi and Chad; and one great-grandchild, Gia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L. James Snellenberger, and sister, Hazel Stokes.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 15, 2010, at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, Pasco Chapel, Greenfield, with the Rev. John Paulson officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery, Greenfield.

Friends may call Sunday, March 14, 2010, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109.

Online condolences may be shared at www.stillingerfamilyfuneralhome.com

Jeffery Brockhaus

LAGRANGE — Jeffery Lee Brockhaus, 46, of Little Turkey Lake, LaGrange, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 10:10 p.m. in his residence.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

A full obituary will appear in Sunday's edition.

Christopher Swindle

NORTHPORT, Ala. — Christopher Swindle, 33, of Northport and formerly of Fremont died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Northport.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Anderson Funeral Home in Adrian, Mich.

Charles Nichols

FREMONT — Charles E. Nichols, 68, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements pending at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

David Runden

SAN FRANCISCO — David E. Runden, 91, of San Francisco and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, in San Francisco.

He was a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School. His father, the Rev. Magnus Runden, was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Kendallville for 23 years.

Among his survivors is a brother, John Runden of Hampden, Maine.

His ashes will be disposed of at sea by The Neptune Society.

Matilda Busche

ALBION — Matilda A. Busche, 83, of Albion died Friday, March 12, 2010, at 9:07 a.m. in the Intensive Care Unit of Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Biddle was forever active

BY JIM SHILANDER
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ANGOLA — Even before he retired from the Fort Wayne Police Department in the mid-1980s, Jerry Biddle had a hard time sitting still.

"His one year behind a desk, he didn't like it," daughter Rebecca Biddle said. "He always preferred being on patrol."

Biddle, who served for 21 years in the Fort Wayne Police, and then in a number of different capacities in Steuben County, died Feb. 24, at this home in Angola, at age 69.

After retiring to Steuben County with his family, Biddle tried to stay active, his wife, Donna Biddle, said.

"He joined the Fremont Police Department, then when Marshal Bobby Moore was killed he said 'What am I doing?' and left," Donna said. "He started driving a bus for Fremont Schools, he worked at The Boat House (on Coldwater Lake), Gay's, he delivered for Tom's Donuts and he worked for Todd Bledsoe for a number of years. He just couldn't sit still. He just enjoyed being around people."

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Jerry Biddle served as a police officer in Fort Wayne for 21 years before retiring to Steuben County, where he worked in a number of capacities. Biddle's family remembered him as a loving father and consumate practical joker.

That really wasn't anything new, she noted. While Biddle served in Fort Wayne, he usually had another part-time job as well, she said. He was also heavily involved in with the Fraternal Order of Police, serving as chapter president for a time, and serving on a number of committees. He also helped to found the Police Athletic League's football program, serving as a head coach.

Donna said she and her husband formally met after he returned home from a stint in the Navy in 1961. "I knew him when he was in high school, but I just knew who he was. I really didn't know him." By chance, she said, her mother would often babysit for Biddle's nieces and nephews, and one night she was called in to fill in for her mother. "That's how we first met." Very shortly after, they were dating. Only a few months after that, they were engaged and then married.

Outside of his many different jobs, Biddle did other things to keep himself occupied. Rebecca said he became a serious woodworker after having heart-bypass surgery.

"It was a way to relax and keep himself busy." Biddle built coat racks, a computer stand and many other items.

Biddle was also very active in veteran's organizations as well, including the American Legion. He'd recently become involved with the "Wild Thing," a Vietnam War-era gun truck popular with local veteran's groups. Son David Biddle

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said his father especially enjoyed getting his grandson Nicholas up on the truck.

"Nick had a really good time with that," David said.

Biddle also had another way of keeping himself busy, his family said.

"He was really a jokester," Donna said. Biddle's family said his pranks could run from the very elaborate to simple.

"One time he had me call his brother who lived close by, to tell him Dad had gotten stuck in the chimney," David said. "Their driveway was full of cars, and the smallest one was in the back, so a few minutes later my uncle and a bunch of people drive up in this little car. Dad was just standing in the garage with a beer in his hand, laughing his head off."

Rebecca noted one time after her uncle had bought her father a Chia Pet. "He got all these different backgrounds and took pictures in front of them, like the Chia Pet was skiing or in Paris."

After retiring, Biddle got to know some of his neighbors. One time, he decided to have a little fun with one of them.

"He got into putting little notes "From a Secret Admirer," on his friend's windshield. He'd do it every day for weeks," Rebecca said.

"It would just make him smile throughout the day."

"The best part was going to coffee and hearing his friend talk about these notes, he could keep a straight face and wouldn't show anything," David said.

Son Lee Biddle said that while his father could be silly, he also did his best to show his children the right way to live.

"He was a good father, someone who was very patriotic, and a well respected policeman," Lee noted.

"He taught all the kids important values and was a great grandfather and father-in-law."

Jerry Burkitt

CROMWELL — Jerry Lynn Burkitt, 63, of Cromwell, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at 7:45 p.m. at his residence.

Services will be Friday at 6 p.m. at Merriam Christian Chapel, 3985 South U.S. Highway 33, Albion, with Pastor Terry Zolman officiating.

A private family burial will take place in Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling will be one our prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press, P.O. Box 120, New Paris, IN 46553 or to the family.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier handling arrangements. Online condolences may be left at yeagerfuneralhome.com

Freeman Miller

LAGRANGE — Freeman Miller, 63, of LaGrange, died at 1:55 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange. Calling will be all day today at the Marlin Miller residence, 0055 South 1100 West, Middlebury. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the same location. Services will be conducted by Bishop Mervin Schrock and the home ministers. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Jefferies

HUNTERTOWN — Larry R. Jefferies, 48, of Huntertown, died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Parkview Hospital. A celebration of life service will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Memorials are to Cancer Services.

Kathryn Ford

HAMILTON — Kathryn Rosenberry Ford, 92, of Auburn, and formerly of Hamilton, died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Maxine Campbell

ROME CITY — Maxine Campbell, 61, died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Charles Nichols

FREMONT — Charles "Buzz" E. Nichols, 68, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Buzz was born May 5, 1941, in Roanoke, Va., to Charlie I. and Elva M. (Smith) Nichols.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Buzz formerly worked at Moore's Business Forms and also Industrial Roofing in Angola.

He enjoyed making gifts for his grandchildren and cooking. He was a member of the Orland American Legion.

Buzz married Deborah Kay (Brewer) on June 15, 1998 at the courthouse in Fremont.

Surviving Buzz is his wife, Deborah; two stepsons, Corey Kistler and his wife, Amber, of Coldwater, Mich., and Lance Kistler of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a daughter, Pleasant Renee Huq of Angola; a brother, Roger Nichols of Roanoke, Va.; three sisters, Barbara Jones of Roanoke, Va., Ola McDaniels of Roanoke, Va., and Edith Michaels of Odessa, Fla.; and four granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Irving, and a sister Ruby Wray.

There is no visitation or services for Mr. Nichols.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

Jeffery Brockhaus

LAGRANGE — Jeffery Lee Brockhaus, 46, of Little Turkey Lake, LaGrange, died Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 10:10 p.m. in his residence. He had been ill for four years.

Mr. Brockhaus had owned and operated a tree trimming service in LaGrange County.

He was born June 19, 1963, in Fort Wayne to William and Betty (Scott) Brockhaus.

Surviving are his mother, Betty Kuhn of LaGrange; a son, Willie Brockhaus; a sister and brother-in-law, Lorie and Gary Combs of Helmer; four brothers, Michael Brockhaus of LaGrange, Mark Brockhaus of Fort Wayne, Mickey Brockhaus of Auburn and Philip Brockhaus of LaGrange; and his maternal grandmother.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Brockhaus; his maternal grandfather; his paternal grandparents; and his stepfather, James Kuhn.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Gardens, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. James Elsner of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Stroh, officiating.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

Kathryn Bloom

AUBURN — Kathryn L. Bloom, 90 of Auburn died Saturday March 13, 2010 at her home.

She was born December 26, 1919, in Auburn to Jesse J. and Edna M. (Lobmiller) Pepple.

Mrs. Bloom

She worked for 29 years for DeKalb High School and was in charge of the athletic department laundry for many years. She retired in 1996.

She was a member of St Michael's Catholic Church and a member of the church's Rosary Society. She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1938.

She married Edward J. Bloom on July 1, 1944, in the Rectory of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and he died Oct. 16, 1975.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary K. Bloom of Auburn; a cousin James (Judy) Pepple of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Auburn, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, 1860 South Center Street, Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Tuesday. A rosary will be recited Monday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Michael's Catholic Church Renovation, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or Masses.

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Adeline Busche

Mrs. Busche

ALBION — Adeline Matilda Busche, loving wife, sister, devoted mother, grandmother, and a dear friend to all died early Friday, March 12, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Matilda, "Tillie" as she was know by most, was born May 31, 1926, to Rollie E. and Mary Speakman in Decatur. During the depression Matilda's large family, consisting of nine children, was met with very hard times and Tillie was sent to live with her Uncle Dwight and Aunt Edna Sheets. Matilda always considered herself fortunate that she was chosen to live with the Sheetses. Tillie attended Central High School in Fort Wayne and during World War II Tillie worked at General Electric.

Matilda and Oscar Herman Busche were married Feb. 11, 1946, in Fort Wayne. Their marriage would encompass 62 years with the passing of Oscar in the spring of 2008. Their first few years of marriage were spent on Oscar's family farm in the Fort Wayne area. In the mid 1950s they would move to the Albion area and set up permanent residence.

Tillie's hobbies included cooking, canning, sewing and quilting. Recently Matilda had been living at the North Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

Tillie is survived her by one daughter, Dianna Lou Mock, and husband, Tim, of Pierceton; three sons, Dwight Allen Busche and wife, Phyllis, Nick Alan Busche and wife, Lori, all of of Albion, and Jerry Allan Busche and fiancee, Mary Jo Cochran, of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grand children; two sisters, Edna "Jean" Goldner of Decatur, Mary Maxine "Pat" Nine of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, William "Bill" Speakman of Garrett, Dwight "Bud" Speakman of Fort Wayne and James "Jim" Speakman now living in Florida.

Tillie was preceded in death by her son, Oscar Herman "Hermie" Busche, in 1959 and her husband, Oscar Busche, in 2008, along with three sisters, Mable Sunderland of Fort Wayne, Della Hitchcock of Decatur and Goldie Reynolds of Decatur .

Services will be Tuesday at noon at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Matilda will be laid to rest at Albion's Rose Hill Cemetery immediately following the services.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 14, 2010, Sunday

Esther Poage

KENDALLVILLE — Esther Sarah Poage, 90, of Kendallville, died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 1:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville with her family at her side.

Mrs. Poage

Mrs. Poage was a homemaker. She attended St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, and was a member of the Center Chapel Ladies Aide.

She was an avid gardener, being well known for her vegetable garden. She also enjoyed hunting for morel mushrooms, and was able to find even the smallest ones.

Grandma Poage was adored by all of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was born April 2, 1919, in Rome City to Jesse and Ada (Reidenbach) Frick. On Dec. 24, 1938, in Cosperville, she married Roland Poage. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Jean Poage of Kendallville; three grandchildren and spouses, Cheryl and Doug Cook, Christina and Ray Patterson and David Poage, all of Kendallville; seven great-grandchildren, Shay Combs, Sarah Cook, Josh and Lyndsay Patterson, Audrey Patterson, Amanda Stowell, Richard and Terra Stowell and Alyssa Poage; nine great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Roberta Frick of Rome City and Helen Stiffner of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Chapman and Lucile Becker, and three brothers, John Frick, Don Frick, and Robert Frick.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be David Poage, Josh Patterson, Ray Patterson, Doug Cook, Rick Stowell, and Scott Schumaker.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran School PTL.

View a video tributed after Monday afternoon or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2010, Monday

Christopher Swindle

NORTHPORT, Ala. — Christopher G. Swindle, 33, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2010, at Hospice of West Alabama after a courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Swindle

He was born May 7, 1976, in Adrian, Mich., to George and Dawn (Wright) Swindle.

Chris graduated from Fremont High School in 1994. He was an Indiana Academic All-Star. He earned a B.S. in Computer Science from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terra Haute. Chris did computer-related work for Dawn Food Products in Jackson, Mich., SEP in Indianapolis, and Jackson Community College in Jackson, Mich. He did volunteer work at the Lenawee County Historical Society during that time.

After working with computers, Chris found that his true calling was the study of history. He returned to school and earned a M.A. in History from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He had completed coursework for his doctorate and was preparing to take his oral exams. Chris wrote his master's thesis on the migration of the Rye and Lewis families from Alabama to Michigan in the 1940s. While attending school, Chris was employed by the university as a teaching assistant and most recently as editor of The Southern Historian history journal.

Chris was well-liked and respected by both fellow students and faculty. He enjoyed traveling and spending time at the Gulf of Mexico. He was an avid Crimson Tide fan and was thrilled to see Alabama win the BCS championship for 2009. Chris enjoyed reading books, from Harry Potter to historical textbooks. He also enjoyed playing cards with long-time friends, building with Legos and photography

Chris is survived by his parents Dawn and Kevin Owsley of Fremont and George Swindle and Mary Ann Ruesink of Battle Creek, Mich., his brother, Bryan Owsley, his grandmother, Jewel Swindle of Adrian, Mich., and grandfather, Clyde Wright of Adrian, Mich. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Marie Wright, and grandfather, Albert Swindle Sr.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian, with Pastor Norm Fuller officiating. Interment of cremains will take place at Lenawee Hills Memorial Park, Adrian, at a later date.

Calling will be today and Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian.

Condolences may be left at andersonfuneralhomeadriantecumseh.com.

Memorial contributions may be made in care of Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, to be used for a donation to a children's cancer ward per Chris's wishes. Envelopes are available at the Anderson Funeral Home, Adrian.

Katherine Ford

HAMILTON — Katherine M. Rosenberry Ford, 92, of Auburn and formerly of Hamilton died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Ford had worked in the cafeteria at Hamilton Community Schools for 15 years, retiring in 1983.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born in Auburn on Oct. 23, 1917, to Coy L. and Bina B. (Walborn) Dunkle. She married Millard D. Rosenberry on Oct. 26, 1935, in Butler and he died May 29, 1985. She married Shelda J. Ford July 4, 1987, in Butler and he died Oct. 26, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Leora B. and David Dangler of Waterloo and Joyce L. and Herb Zeigler of Auburn; a stepson, Gerald (Dottie) Ford of Cantonsville, Md.; four grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; three brothers Darrell, Charles and Bob Dunkle; a grandson, Davey Dangler; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rev. David Mathews will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Youth for Christ.

THE NEWS SUN
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Carolyn Leighton

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn "Sis" Leighton, 62, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 1:30 a.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Leighton

Mrs. Leighton retired from Teleflex in Kendallville in 2007.

She was a member of the Full Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville.

She was born October 18, 1947, in Hueysville, Ky., to Russell and Tilly (Shepherd) Stevens. On July 1, 1983, in Altona she married Walter Leighton. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Robin and Heath Smith of Kendallville, Rhonda Handshoe of Albion, and Jennifer Katt of Ligonier; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Tim Messer of Fort Wayne, T.J. and Amiee Leighton of Leo, Jesse Messer III and Emily Messer of Kendallville, and Chris and Erica Messer of Auburn; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty and Wayne Gose of LaGrange, Terri "Toby" Lockhart and her friend, Bob Keairnes, of Kendallville, and Deborah and Robert Bloomfield of Wolcottville; and four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gary "Bo" Stevens of Kendallville, Larry and Joy Stevens of Sturgis, Mich., Rick and Cindy Stevens of Kendallville and Jim Stevens of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a great-granddaughter, Jesslyn Gallo.

Funeral services will be at noon Wednesday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastors Carter and Zaundra Hicks of Full Gospel Lighthouse officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at the Full Gospel Lighthouse, 112 Veterans Way, Kendallville, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute after Tuesday afternoon or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Freeman Miller

LAGRANGE — Freeman "Wally's Freeman" Miller, 63, of LaGrange died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Calling will be all day today at the Marlin Miller residence, 0055 S. C.R. 1100 W., Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the same location. Burial will be in Bontrager Cemetery, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Monroe Bontrager

MILLSERSBURG — Monroe E. Bontrager, 80, of Millersburg, died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at the home of his son, Freeman Bontrager.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Freeman Bontrager residence, 4525 S. C.R. 1125W, Millersburg. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the same residence.

Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 15, 2010, Monday

Maxine Campbell

ROME CITY — Maxine Campbell, age 61, of Rome City, died on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Campbell

Mrs. Campbell was born in Fisty, Perry County, Kentucky, on July 9, 1948, to the late Hubert and Armelda (Perkins) Ritchie.

She married Glenn "Sonny" Campbell, Sr. on October 5, 1963, in Rome City.

Maxine was a homemaker and a longtime, dedicated member of the Bethel Christian Baptist Church rural Kendallville. She was active in various things within the church including the Mary Martha women's group, as a Sunday school teacher, and with weekly Bible studies. Maxine's life revolved around the church and her family. Spending time with her kids and grandchildren was very important to her.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn "Sonny" Campbell of Rome City; a daughter, Sonci and Joby Morr of Rome City; three son, Glenn Campbell Jr. of Kendallvyle, Darris and Tina Campbell of Kendallville and Kevin and Emily Campbell of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Michael Campbell, Phillip Campbell, Hannah Morr, Brooke Campbell, Emily Morr, Taryn Campbell, Kaitlynn Campbell, Kody Campbell and Kenna Campbell; two brothers, Estil "Audie" and Joy Ritchie of Rome City and Tom and Michele Ritchie of Ligonier; and four sisters, Jeanie and Allen Peterson of Albion, Kathleen and Hank Williams of Rome City, Betty and Bob Campbell of Kendallville and Rita Campbell of Rome City.

Visitation will be today, Monday, March 15, 2010, from 2-8 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church west of Kendallville on U.S. 6 at S.R. 9.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Shawn Shepherd.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Casketbearers will be Michael Campbell, Phillip Campbell, Ryan Miller, Tommy Sutton, Todd Sutton, Boone Hunt, Jeremy Yates, Justin Yates, Nathan Nash, Ricky Williams, Drew Williams, Dusty Williams and Kaleb Gilbert.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 16, 2010, Tuesday

Donald Shaw

GLEN FALLS, N.Y. — Donald H. Shaw, 79, died Monday, March 8t, 2010, at his home in Glens Falls, New York.

A native of Fort Edward, New York, Don served in the U.S. Army from July 1950 until July 1953.

Don moved to Albion, Indiana, in the early 1970s with his second wife, Louise, where he worked with the Highway Department until his retirement in 1992.

Don was buried in Glens Falls, N.Y., on March 12.

Don was preceded in death by his second wife, Louise; his son, Allen; and his daughter, Donna.

Survivors include his third wife, Freda Shaw of Glens Falls, N.Y.; his daughter, Theresa (Peterson) Bajgrowicz of Marion, Ind.; two sons, David Shaw and Donald Shaw of Vermont; four grandchildren, Jessica (Peterson) Owen, David Shaw Jr., Carrie Shaw and Katy Hampl; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, Ind., at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association, Heart Gift Department, P.O. Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220 or www.americanheart.org.

Gladys Goeglein

NEW HAVEN — Gladys Christina Goeglein, 97, died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Golden Years Homestead in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Peters Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. Peters Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Peters Lutheran Church, 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815 or the Worship for Shut-ins, 3225 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Marilyn McEntarfer

AUBURN — Marilyn J. McEntarfer, 86, of Auburn died Monday, March 15, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home.

Larry Rasnake

CROMWELL — Larry A. Rasnake, 58, of Cromwell died Monday night, March 15, 2010 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 17, 2010, Wednesday

Jess Gooding

ANGOLA — Jess Gooding, 95, of Angola died Monday, March 15, 2010, in Angola.

Mr. Gooding retired in 1975 as an electrician from Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He was a lifetime member of the Angola Moose Lodge and a member of the Century Club of Zollner Corp.

Mr. Gooding was born February 5, 1915, in Minong, Wis., to Charles Henry and Senora (Richart) Gooding. They are deceased.

He married Eugenia Marie Cohee on March 26, 1936. She died in 2004.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Kinsey of Fort Wayne, Indiana; five grandchildren, Jackie Niswonger, Cindy Syndram, Lynn Mongold, Jill Adams and Ryan Means; 10 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-granchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Eugenia Marie Cohee Gooding in 2004; a daughter, Patricia Ann Harter in 2007; a great-great-granddaughter, Addis; three brothers; and four sisters.

There will be no services or calling.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Donald Dodson

Mr. Dodson

FORT WAYNE — Donald A. "Bubba" Dodson, 73, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in South Bend, Ind., Donald worked as a communications technician with GTE for 30 years.

He was a member of 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and was a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran.

He was a "Die Hard Cubs Fan" and loved all sports, especially golf.

Surviving are his sons, Donald A. (Peggy) Dodson Jr. of LaOtto, Ind., Thomas J. Dodson of Fort Wayne, Robert "Robbie" Dodson of Kendallville, Michael (Kelly) Dodson of Avilla, and John (Lanisa) Dodson of Kendallville; his daughters, Karen F. (Steve) Hicks of Bloomsberg, Pa., and Sue J. Sipes of Spencerville; his stepdaughters, Sheryl L. Figg of Tennessee, Tonya L. Tatem of South Carolina, and Jody L. Lomas of Lafayette, Ind.; a brother, Thomas S. (Sandra) Dodson of San Diego, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his beloved dog, Taz.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, F. and Lois(Rumpf) Logan; his first wife Ann Marie (Shields) in 1960; his second wife, Pamela S. (Rand) in 1965; and his third wife, Ellen C. Dodson in 2007.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, with calling one hour prior.

Also with visitation on Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Gebalt School For Boys.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

Ileen Ellert

PORT SAINT LUCIE, Fla. — Ileen L. Ellert, 77, of Port Saint Lucie and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with calling one hour prior to the service. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate.

Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Treasure Cove Hospice.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 17, 2010, Wednesday

Nancy Campbell

AVILLA — Nancy Lou Campbell, 65, of Avilla died on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 9 a.m. at her residence in Avilla.

Nancy was born on February 21, 1945, to the late Mearle Z. and Ruth L. (Wenger) Fisher. On March 13, 1964, in Green Township, Noble County, she married Richard L. Campbell. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2007.

She grew up in Jackson Michigan. When she and Richard got married they lived in Churubusco near Blue Lake. She has lived in Avilla for the last 41 years.

After 27 years of service as a cook, she retired in 2002 from the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a member of the Harvest Community Church in Kendallville, "Threads of Love" Quilting, and was a 35-year member of the Beta Sigma Phi, currently serving as treasurer.

Nancy was known as to never know a stranger. She also loved to sew, crotchet, cook and garden.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law; Jeff Campbell of South Milford and Le Roy and Wahnne Campbell of South Milford.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and a brother, David Fisher.

Funeral services will be on Friday, March 19, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Jack Crothers of the Harvest Community Church will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 18, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Doris Gillian

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Doris Jean Gillian, age 78, formerly of Kendallville died on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

She was born in Allen County, Indiana, on July 18, 1931 to the late Gus and Marie (Streets) Smith.

Mrs. Gillian

Mrs. Gillian graduated from Rome City High School in 1949.

She married Norman John Gillian on August 2, 1958, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Mr. Gillian preceded her in death on December 5, 1985.

Mrs. Gillian worked at Flint & Walling in Kendallville for 17 years, retiring in 1993. Prior to working at Flint & Walling, she and her husband owned the Melody Bar in Kendallville.

When she lived in Kendallville, she attended St. John Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two sons, Terry and Christine Gillian of Albion, Indiana, and Keith and Sharon Gillian of Rome City, Indiana; one daughter; Kathy and Bruce Kemmerer of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard Smith of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Norman John Gillian; one son, Cary Gillian; one stepson, Ron Gillian; and one brother. Lloyd Smith

Visitation will be Thursday, March 18, 2010, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 19, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla, Indiana.

View a video tribute by Thursday, March 18, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2010, Wednesday

Michael Hutter

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla. — Michael F. Hutter, 73, died March 5, 2010, of Kindred Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was born Feb. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Joseph Charles Hutter and Anna F. Rahn Hutter. His parents and a brother, John Charles Hutter, preceded him in death.

He married Julie Ann Smith on Dec. 27, 1959, in Butler and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Michael Hutter of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Jacqueline Michelle Hutter (Mathew Payne) of Decatur, Ga., and a son, Joseph Charles Hutter (Jennifer) of Buckley, Wash. Mr. Hutter's grandchildren are Ashleigh Carter (John Joseph Jr.) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Sofiya and Aleksandra Payne of Decatur, Ga., and Mia and Mitchell Hutter of Buckley, Wash. His great-grandchildren are John Joseph Carter III and Mac Brayden Carter of Cincinnatti.

Mr. Hutter served for more than three years in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He later received a high school diploma from Central High School in Fort Wayne and graduated from Ball State University in Muncie in 1963 with a degree in education.

Mr. Hutter and family moved to Anaheim, Calif., in 1963, where he taught American history at the junior high school level.

In 1967 he became a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was assigned to the F.B.I. field office in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was transferred to the Miami, Fla., field office in 1968. During his career in Miami, he was Hi-Jacking co-coordinator (Cuba) and participated in the investigation of high profile cases in the areas of Russian counterintelligence, kidnappings and jewel thefts. He was an innovator in crime scene investigations and taught that subject in police schools conducted by the F.B.I. Mr. Hutter also was the project co-coordinator for the construction of the current F.B.I. Building in Miami.

After retirement in 1987, Mr. Hutter moved to Cape Coral, Fla., where he became Dean of Students at Bishop Verot High School. He retired from that position in 1997.

He moved to Fort Myers Beach, Fla., in 1997, where he resided at the time of his death.

Mr. Hutter was a serious student of American history, particularly the American Civil War and World War II. Over the years he was a master in explaining historical and current events at any level.

Michael's Scottie dogs were his constant companions. "His Scotties were always the smartest Scotties in the universe."

Funeral arrangements were made by Shannon Funeral Home in Bradenton, Fla., assisted by Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

A memorial service for family members will take place in Auburn this summer and will be conducted by Mrs. Hutter's brother, the Rev. Charles W. Smith, of Cedar Springs, Mich.

Larry Rasnake

CROMWELL — Larry A. Rasnake, 58, of Cromwell died Monday, March 15, 2010, at his home following an extended battle with cancer.

Mr. Rasnake was a lifetime area resident. He had worked for Conrail for several years and had been employed at Dexter Axel for more than 10 years.

He was born June 15, 1951, in War, W.Va., to Marvin Rasnake and Jean (Mills) Waters. He married Debora Beckner on Aug. 1, 1980. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Melissa, Larry Jr., Angela, Elizabeth, Eugene, Eric and Matthew; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dennis and Linda Rasnake of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services are planned.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Janet McKinley

ANGOLA — Janet Ruth McKinley, 77, of Angola, Indiana, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at her home in Angola with her family by her side. Janet had been battling cancer for a year.

Janet had attended Fremont Schools.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. McKinley

Janet loved to do her word searches books and loved the outdoors. She enjoyed watching the kids play outside her window in the summer.

She was born February 17, 1933, in Angola, Indiana, to Bruce and Leila (Hoot) Hutchins and they preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Word and her companion, Scott Field, of Montgomery, Michigan, Linda Phibbs and her companion, Joe Pearson, of Angola, Indiana, and Kari Frye of Angola, Indiana, and her companion, Grant Treece of Hamilton, Indiana; two sons, David and Bonnie McKinley of Fremont, Indiana, and Steve and Margie McKinley of San Bernardino, California; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; a brother, William "Bill" Hutchins of Fremont, Indiana; and a sister, Eleanor Abbott of Naples, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale McKinley in 1971; her parents; two sons, Don and Garry McKinley; and one brother, Bob Hutchins.

Visitation will be from noon until 2 p..m Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery at Fremont, Indiana.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice in Angola, Indiana, or to the Steuben County Cancer Association in Angola, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Brian Beckley

INDIANAPOLIS — Brian Dean Beckley, age 45, of Indianapolis, died on Sunday, March 7, 2010, at his residence in Indianapolis.

He was born in Kendallville on August 20, 1964, to Kenneth D. Beckley and Connie Lou (Kitchen) Doutt.

He was employed as a welder in a machine shop in Greenwood, Indiana.

Mr. Beckley

Brian loved animals, tending to his flowers and gardening. He also enjoyed following NASCAR and listening to music.

Survivors include his father, Kenneth and Carol Beckley of Albion; his mother, Connie and Harold Doutt of Albion; a sister, Carie Beckley and her companion, Frank Hawks, of Brimfield; his grandmother, Evelyn Kitchen of Kendallville; several aunts and uncles; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Doyne Kitchen; and his paternal grandparents, Robert and Louise Beckley.

Graveside memorial services will be Saturday, March 20, 2010, at noon at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with the Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating.

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral of Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2010, Wednesday

Katherine Ford

HAMILTON — Katherine M. Rosenberry Ford, 92, of Auburn and formerly of Hamilton died Saturday, March 13, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

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She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

She was born in Auburn on Oct. 23, 1917, to Coy L. and Bina B. (Walborn) Dunkle. She married Millard D. Rosenberry on Oct. 26, 1935, in Butler and he died May 29, 1985. She married Shelda J. Ford July 4, 1987, in Butler and he died Oct. 26, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Leora B. and David Dangler of Waterloo and Joyce L. and Herb Zeigler of Auburn; a stepson, Gerald (Dottie) Ford of Cantonsville, Md.; four grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and eight stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; three brothers Darrell, Charles and Bob Dunkle; a grandson, Davey Dangler; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Rev. David Mathews will officiate.

Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or Youth for Christ.

Marilyn McEntarfer

AUBURN — Marilyn J. McEntarfer, 86, of Auburn went to receive her heavenly reward and meet her Lord and Savior Monday, March 15, 2010, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. McEntarfer

Mrs. McEntarfer was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Souls Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn.

She was born January 26, 1924, in Corunna to Carroll and Edna (Blanchard) Gushwa.

She married Harold W. McEntarfer on June 28, 1941, in South Bend and he died in 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Debbie McEntarfer of Michigan Center, Mich., and Wayne and Cindy McEntarfer of Butler; a daughter, Bev McEntarfer of Upper Montclair, New Jersey; six grandchildren, Julia (Edgar) Cabrera, Shelly Brooks, Eric (Kristin) Culbertson, Justin Culbertson, Nathan (Dori) McEntarfer and Lindsae (Cody) Mitchener; 12 great-grandchildren, Kayla Brooks, Scott Cabrera, Elena Cabrera, Emma Culbertson, Aydan McEntarfer, Andrew McEntarfer, Avery McEntarfer, Lillian McEntarfer, Courtney Culbertson, Dylan Culbertson Sullivan Mitchener and Chayton Mitchener.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother Marvin Gushwa; and a great-grandson Brandon Sutton.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, March 19, 2010, at Souls Harbor Assembly of God Church, Auburn. The Rev. David Snodderly will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN.

Memorials can be directed to Souls Harbor Assembly of God Missions or DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March17, 2010, Wednesday

Adeline Matilda Busche, 83

ALBION - Adeline Matilda Busche, Loving Wife, Sister, Devoted Mother, Grandmother, and a Dear Friend to all died early Friday, March 12, 2010 at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Matilda "Tillie" as she was known by most, was born May 31, 1926 to Rollie E. and Mary Speakman in Decatur Indiana.

During the depression Matilda's large family consisting of nine children was met with very hard times and Tillie was sent to live with her Uncle Dwight and Aunt Edna Sheets. Matilda always considered herself fortunate that she was chosen to live with the Sheets.

Tillie attended Central High School in Fort Wayne and during World War II Tillie worked at General Electric.

Matilda and Oscar Herman Busche were married February 11, 1946 in Fort Wayne, IN. Their marriage would encompass 62 years with the passing of Oscar in the spring of 2008. Their first few years of marriage were spent on Oscar's family farm in the Fort Wayne area.

In the mid fifties they would move to the Albion Area and set up permanent residence.

Tillie's hobbies included cooking, canning, sewing and quilting.

Recently Matilda had been living at the North Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion, IN.

Tillie is survived by one daughter - Dianna Lou (Tim) Mock of Pierceton; three sons, Dwight Allen (Phyllis) Busche, Nick Alan (Lori), both of Albion and Jerry Allan Busche with Fiancé Mary Jo Cochran of Columbia City; Eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grand children. Two Sisters, Edna "Jean" Goldner of Decatur, Mary Maxine "Pat" Nine of Ft. Wayne and three brothers William "Bill" Speakman of Garrett, Dwight "Bud" Speakman of Ft. Wayne, and James "Jim" Speakman now living in Florida.

Tillie was preceded in death by her son Oscar Herman "Hermie" Busche (1959) and her husband Oscar Busche (2008) along with three sisters Mable Sunderland-Ft. Wayne, Della Hitchcock-Decatur and Goldie Reynolds-Decatur.

Services were held March 16, 2010 at Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Matilda was laid to rest at Albion's Rose Hill Cemetery immediately following the services.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Donald Shaw, 79

GLEN FALLS, N.Y. — Donald H. Shaw, 79, died Monday, March 8t, 2010, at his home in Glens Falls, New York.

A native of Fort Edward, New York, Don served in the U.S. Army from July 1950 until July 1953.

Don moved to Albion, Indiana, in the early 1970s with his second wife, Louise, where he worked with the Highway Department until his retirement in 1992.

Don was buried in Glens Falls, N.Y., on March 12, 2010.

Don was preceded in death by his second wife, Louise; his son, Allen; and his daughter, Donna.

Survivors include his third wife, Freda Shaw of Glens Falls, N.Y.; his daughter, Theresa (Peterson) Bajgrowicz of Marion, Ind.; two sons, David Shaw and Donald Shaw of Vermont; four grandchildren, Jessica (Peterson) Owen, David Shaw Jr., Carrie Shaw and Katy Hampl; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Don's life will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, Ind., at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Heart Association, Heart Gift Department, P.O. Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220 or www.americanheart.org.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 17, 2010, Wednesday

Maxine Campbell, 61

ROME CITY– Maxine Campbell, 61, of Rome City, died on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Fisty, Perry County, Kentucky on July 9, 1948 to the late Hubert and Armelda (Perkins) Ritchie.

She married Glenn "Sonny" Campbell, Sr. on October 5, 1963 in Rome City.

Maxine was a homemaker and a longtime, dedicated member of the Bethel Christian Baptist Church rural Kendallville. She was active in various things within the church including the Mary Martha women's group, Sunday school teacher, and weekly Bible studies. Maxine's life revolved around the church and her family.

Spending time with her kids and grandchildren was very important to her.

Her survivors include her husband, Glenn "Sonny" Campbell of Rome City; One daughter, Sonci and Joby Morr of Rome City; Three sons, Glenn Campbell, Jr., Darris (Tina) Campbell, Kevin (Emily) Campbell all of Kendallville; Nine grandchildren: Michael Campbell, Phillip Campbell, Hannah Morr, Brooke Campbell, Emily Morr, Taryn Campbell, Kaitlynn Campbell, Kody Campbell, and Kenna Campbell; Two brothers, Estil "Audie" (Joy) Ritchie of Rome City and Tom (Michele) Ritchie of Ligonier; Four sisters, Jeanie (Allen) Peterson of Albion, Kathleen (Hank) Williams of Rome City, Betty (Bob) Campbell of Kendallville and Rita Campbell of Rome City.

Funeral Services took place March 16, 2010 at Bethel Christian Baptist Church. Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiated.

Burial took place at Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Casketbearers were Michael Campbell, Phillip Campbell, Ryan Miller, Tommy Sutton, Todd Sutton, Boone Hunt, Jeremy Yates, Justin Yates, Nathan Nash, Ricky Williams, Drew Williams, Dusty Williams, and Kaleb Gilbert.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Larry A. Rasnake, 58

Larry A. Rasnake, 58 died at his residence on March 15, 2010. He had been battling an extended battle with cancer.

He was born June 15, 1951 in War, West Virginia to Marvin Rasnake and Jean (Mills) Waters.

On August 1, 1980 he married Debora Beckner. She survives.

He was a lifetime area resident and workd for Conrail for several years. He had also worked for over ten years at Dexter Axle.

Survivors include his wife, Debora Rasnake of Cromwell, IN; Seven children, Melissa, Larry Jr., Angela, Elizabeth, Eugene, Eric and Matthew; Thirteen Grandchildren; Three Great-Grandchildren; One brother, Dennis (Linda) Rasnake of Kendallville, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family arrangement are planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O.Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 332 North Luaderdale, Memphis, TN 38105.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
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March17, 2010, Wednesday

Edward Frank McClure, 78

Edward Frank McClure, age 78, of Columbia City passed away at 1:40 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2010 at his home. Born on December 16, 1931 in Fort Wayne he was the son of Thomas F. and Helen L. (Couts) McClure.

He was born in Ohio, moving as a young child to Wolf Lake, then to a farm in Thorncreek Township and lastly at his Tri-Lakes, Karen Kove home for many years. He attended Wolf Lake High School through the 12th grade. On March 12, 1950 he married Patsy Marie Gray in Lagrange. He first worked at Essex Wire, Ligonier, G.E. Fort Wayne, and retired from Dana, Fort Wayne, as a leadman in the axle line department. After his retirement, he assisted local farmers and operated Ed's Lawn Mowing Service. An avid Cubs fan, he also enjoyed fishing, golfing, mowing and general farming.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Patsy Marie McClure of Columbia City; two daughters, Pam (Steve) Loe and Linda (Art Miller) Coulter both of Columbia City; one son, Bruce E. (Brenda) McClure of Milford; three granddaughters, Brandie (Kevin) Kreps of Columbia City, Cara (Aaron) Likens of Wolcottville and Megan (Bryan) Lee of Fort Wayne; four great grandchildren, Jordan Coulter of Churubusco, Dakota and Jaegar Kreps of Columbia City and Vincent Likens of Wolcottville; three sisters, Deloris (Bob) Chiddister of Ligonier, Elline (Ruben) Weiner of Ithica, NY and Lynn (Tom) Beard of Sonoma, WI; one brother, David (Cindy) McClure of Wolf Lake.

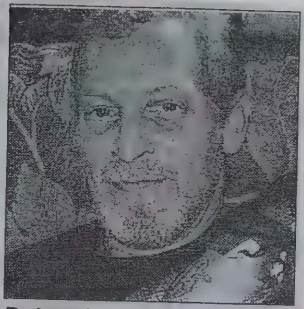
He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson, Scott Coulter, two brothers, Fred and Mike McClure, one sister, Jeanne Clark and one son-in-law, Mike Coulter.

"A special thanks to those closest to Ed who supported him on his journey. Also, thank you to Heartland Hospice for their loving care."

Services were held Friday, March 12, 2010 at Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Hank of the Warehouse Church, Columbia City and Pastor Dana Neuenschwander, Youth Pastor of Big Lake Church of God, officiating.

Burial followed at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, rural Noble County. Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. McClure's memory to Heartland Hospice.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.



Brian Dean Beckley, 45

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Brian Dean Beckley, 45, of Indianapolis died on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at his residence in Indianapolis.

He was born in Kendallville on August 20, 1964 to Kenneth D. Beckley and Connie Lou (Kitchen) Doutt.

He was employed as a welder in a machine shop in Greenwood, IN.

Brian loved animals, tending to his flowers and gardening. He also enjoyed following NASCAR and listening to music.

Survivors include his father, Kenneth (Carol) Beckley and his mother Connie (Harold) Doutt all of Albion; One sister Carie Beckley and her companion Frank Hawks of Brimfield; Grandmother Evelyn Kitchen of Kendallville along with several aunts, uncles and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by maternal grandfather Doyne Kitchen, paternal grandparents Robert and Louise Beckley.

Graveside Memorial Services will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 12:00 noon at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion with Rev. Leon Pomeroy officiating.

Services are in the care of Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March17, 2010, Wednesday

Carolyn Leighton, 62

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn "Sis" Leighton, 62, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 1:30 a.m. in her residence.

Mrs. Leighton retired from Teleflex in Kendallville in 2007.

She was a member of the Full Gospel Lighthouse in Kendallville.

She was born October 18, 1947, in Hueysville, Ky., to Russell and Tilly (Shepherd) Stevens. On July 1, 1983, in Altona she married Walter Leighton. He survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three daughters and one son-in-law, Robin and Heath Smith of Kendallville, Rhonda Handshoe of Albion, and Jennifer Katt of Ligonier; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Tim Messer of Fort Wayne, T.J. and Amiee Leighton of Leo, Jesse Messer III and Emily Messer of Kendallville, and Chris and Erica Messer of Auburn; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Betty and Wayne Gose of LaGrange, Terri "Toby" Lockhart and her friend, Bob Keairnes, of Kendallville, and Deborah and Robert Bloomfield of Wolcottville; and four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Gary "Bo" Stevens of Kendallville, Larry and Joy Stevens of Sturgis, Mich., Rick and Cindy Stevens of Kendallville and Jim Stevens of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a great-granddaughter, Jesslyn Gallo.

Funeral services were March 17, 2010 at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Pastors Carter and Zaundra Hicks of Full Gospel Lighthouse officiated. Burial took place in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

View a video tribute after Tuesday afternoon or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Doris Jean Gillian, 78

BETHLEHEM, PA — Dorisa Jean Gillian, 78, formerly of Kendallville died on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

She was born in Allen County, Indiana on July 18, 1931 to the late Gus and Marie (Streets) Smith.

She graduated from Rome City High School in 1949. She married Norman John Gillian on August 2, 1958 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Mr. Gillian preceded her in death on December 5, 1985.

She worked at Flint and Walling in Kendallville for 17 years retiring in 1993. Prior to working at Flint and Walling she and her husband owned the Melody Bar in Kendallville.

When she lived in Kendallville, she attended St. John Lutheran Church.

Survivors include two sons: Terry (Christine) Gillian of Albion, IN and Keith (Sharon) Gillian of Rome City, IN.; One daughter Kathy (Bruce) Kemmerer of Bethlehem, PA; Twelve grandchildren; Nine Great Grandchildren and one brother Richard Smith of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Norman John Gillian; One son Cary Gillian; One Stepson Ron Gillian and One brother Lloyd Smith.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral service will be Friday, March 19, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral, Kendallville. Officiating the service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla, IN.

View a video tribute by Thursday, March 18, 2010 or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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March17, 2010, Wednesday

Nancy Lou Campbell, 65

AVILLA – Nancy Lou Campbell, 65 of Avilla, died on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at her residence in Avilla.

Nancy was born on February 21, 1945 to the late Mearle Z. and Ruth L. (Wenger) Fisher.

On March 13, 1964 in Green Township, Noble County she married Richard L. Campbell. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2007.

She grew up in Jackson, Michigan.

When she and Richard got married they lived in Churubusco near Blue Lake. She has lived in Avilla for the last 41 years.

After 27 years of service as a cook she retired in 2002 from the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. She was a member of the Harvest Community Church in Kendallville, "Threads of Love" Quilting, and was a 35 year member of the Beta Sigma Phi, currently serving as Treasurer.

Nancy never knew a stranger. She loved to sew, crotchet, cook and garden.

She is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeff Campbell of South Milford and Le Roy (Wahnne) Campbell of South Milford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one brother, David Fisher.

Funeral services will be on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Jack Crothers of the Harvest Community Church will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation will be on Thurs. March 18, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Carolyn Bortner, 71

SEBRING, FL – Carolyn (Lung) Bortner, age 71 passed away Sunday, March 7, 2010 in Sebring, Fl.

She was born October 9, 1938.

Mrs. Bortner graduated from Albion-Jefferson High School in 1957.

Surviving family members include her husband, Ed Bortner in Sebring, FL; a daughter, Dawna (Mike) Simpson; a granddaughter MeKenna of Ohio; a brother, Robert (Jan) Lung of Ligonier; five sisters, Jean Dinton of Huntington, Evelyn Martin of California, Martha Schlotterback of Albion, Nina Clark of Huntington, and Florence Cosart.

Preceeding her in death were a son, Sammuel; a brother, Doyle Lung; a sister Dawn Gillispie; and her parents, Curt and Edna Lung.

Memorial Services will be at a later date.

This obituary is being rerun to correct information which was inadvertently left out.

THE NEWS SUN
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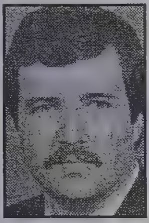
March 18, 2010, Thursday

Michael Waggoner

HOUSTON, Texas — Michael Bruce Waggoner, 52, passed away at M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas. on Monday, March 15, at 4 a.m. after a short but courageous battle with cancer.


Mr. Waggoner

He was born August 25, 1957, to Felix and Doris Waggoner at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Meladie (Germantown, Tenn.) and two sons, James of Fort Knox, Ky., and Jimmy of Germantown, Tenn.; a brother-in-law, Mel of Memphis, Tenn.; his mother, Doris Waggoner of Kimmell, Ind.; a brother Larry, of Kimmell, Ind.; one sister, Debra Nidlinger and husband Jimm of Terre Haute, Ind.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Jared and Cason Nobles of Dyersburg, Tenn.; Gina (Mark) Ernst of Terre Haute, Ind.; Jimm Jr., Cody, Christian, and Jayme Nidlinger of Terre Haute, Ind.; and Chris (Angie and Tori) Waggoner of Roanoke, Ind. Also surviving are extended family and friends Kerry Nidlinger of Terre Haute, Ind.; Dennis and Sherry Nidlinger (Brett, Jeff, Jon and Tara) of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Cheryl and Mike Person of Houston, Texas; Kevin Daymon of Michigan; and Mike and Debbie Bireley of Terre Haute, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his father, Felix Waggoner; his brother, Rick Waggoner; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mel and Addie Belle Nobles of Germantown, Tenn.

Mike attended school in Fort Wayne until his family moved to Knapp Lake. There he attended West Noble High School graduating in 1976.

After high school he went on a cross country scholarship to Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan. While there he was named to the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1978, graduating with an associate degree in science. Continuing on, he entered Freed-Hardeman University on a cross country scholarship and received a bachelor's degree in communications as well as a bachelor's degree in marketing. Upon completion of his education, he started his career at Dubois Chemical Co. then on to Western Water Systems and finally an 18-year tour of employment with Eco Labs. All of his positions involved sales and service of chemicals and industrial water treatment equipment. Mike excelled at his work, winning numerous national awards. In 1997 and in 2000 he was second in the nation as a water care specialist. He was also named Mid-South Budget Buster of the Year.

Mike was a devoted son, brother, uncle, father, and husband. He always had a smile on his face and could always make you laugh. At the age of 14 Mike accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized while attending Camp Indogan by Brother George Welker. He was faithful to the end. Mike will always be remembered as being honest and a man of his word, winning the respect of both friend and client. He had a big heart; helping care for his elderly in-laws, adopting the boys and providing for his family. He was always more concerned for the welfare of others than his own. He will be greatly missed by all.

Viewing will take place Friday from 7-9 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, where the funeral will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Minister Dave Phillips of the Germantown Tennessee Church of Christ officiating.

Burial will follow at the Thorn Cemetery in Ormas, Ind., with a dinner to follow immediately at the LaGrange Church of Christ in LaGrange, Ind.

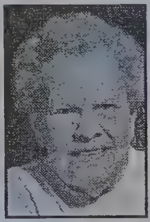
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Germantown Church of Christ Building Fund, 8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138.

A memorial service will be held in Mike's honor Sunday, March 28, at 4:30 p.m. at the Germantown Church of Christ, Germantown, Tenn.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 18, 2010, Thursday

Verda Billman

LAGRANGE — Verda Billman, 102, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.


Mrs. Billman

Mrs. Billman moved to LaGrange in 1929 from Haviland, Ohio.

She and her husband owned and operated The Indiana Hatchery and Billman Propane, both of LaGrange.

Mrs. Billman was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, United Methodist Women and Ruth Circle of the church. She taught Sunday school for 85 years. She was also a former member of the American Red Cross.

She was born March 5, 1908 in Haviland, Ohio, to Elijah and Leefee Ellen (Cashel) Carmean. She married James W. "Jack" Billman Oct.1, 1927, in Haviland. He preceded her in death Oct. 21, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Linda and Harry Jr. Haight of Alto, Mich., and Emily Ann Tomaras of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Gloria Billman of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Effie Greenawalt of Wayland, Mich.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a daughter, Mae Caroline Billman; and five brothers.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Vedra Sink

LAGRANGE — Vedra A. Sink, 78, of LaGrange died Friday, March 5, 2010, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in rural Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Missionary Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Marie Pearsall

NORTHFIELD, Minn. — Marie Anne Pearsall, 82, formerly of Pretty Lake near South Milford, Ind., Seattle, Wash., and Avon Lake, Ohio, died Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Northfield.

Mrs. Pearsall

Mrs. Pearsall was an elementary school teacher and taught in the Fort Wayne public school system for many years.

She had earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in education. She retired at the end of the 1980s.

She was a 1945 graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Mich., and was the valedictorian of her class.

She was born on July 1, 1927, in Scranton, Pa., to Angelo Peter and Mildred (Phillips). She married Richard S. Pearsall on Sept. 13, 1947. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, Robert Pelliccia (Linda) of Chesterfield, Mich.; a sister, Millie (David Bell) of Bokeelia, Fla.; her children, Deborah Pearsall (Mike DeLoughery) of Clark, Mo., David (Kim Lorn) of Seattle, Diane Pearsall (partner Owen KenKnight) of Northfield, and Douglas (partner Noel Cawley) of High Springs, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers Peter and Philip.

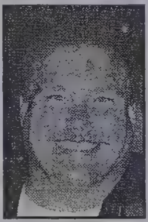
Cremation was by Benson and Langehough Funeral Home of Northfield.

There will be no public memorial service.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 18, 2010, Thursday

Jeffrey Lane

SAINT JOE — Jeffrey A. Lane, 47 of Saint Joe died Wednesday March 16, 2010, surrounded by his family and friends at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Lane

Born January 18, 1963, in Hicksville, Ohio, he was a sales representative for Cumberland Millwork and raised Hereford and Angus cattle.

He married Mona E. (Kinsey) Lane on June 30, 2000, in Tennessee.

He was Past Worthy President of Eagles Aerie 2556 in Hicksville, a member of Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Indiana, Forest Lodge 239 F. & A.M. of Butler and the Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne.

His hobbies were riding his Goldwing motorcycle with his wife and friends, cheering on Dale Sr., and Dale Jr. and spending time on his John Deere tractor.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mona of Saint Joe; his mother and stepfather, Leota and Chet Beam of Saint Joe; his father and stepmother, Jim and Ann Lane of Highland Village, Texas; a sister and brother-in-law, Lecia and Andy Brow of Saint Joe; a brother and sister-in-law, Jared and Beth Lane, of Spring, Texas; special nephews, Austen and Landen Brow of Saint Joe; nephew Jack Lane of Texas; niece, Aubrey Lane of Texas; stepson, Josh Warstler of Cincinnati, Ohio; and stepdaughter, Jada Warstler of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Larissa Lane.

Please come to celebrate Jeff's life Saturday at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Chaplain Heath Lisenby will be officiating.

Visitation is also today, Thursday, from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Fraternal order of Eagles service will be Friday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Saint Joe, beside his beloved grandfather, Lloyd Schrader.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

The family extends an invitation to all who knew Jeff to come prepared to share a story during the funeral service. To sign the guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

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The family of ***Joann Parks***

would like to thank all of our family, friends, neighbors and co-workers for all of the cards, flowers, food, donations and memorials to the church, but most of all, for all of their love and support they have shown to us in our time of sorrow. A special thank you to the Noble County EMS, Hite Funeral Home and Reverend Dr. Leonard King for all of your help. It was very much appreciated.

Bob & Kelly Bolen and family
Kevin & Tami Parks and family

Eric Fasoldt

ALBION — Eric V. Fasoldt, 69, of Albion died Monday, March 15, 2010.

Arrangements are by Midwest Funeral Home & Cremation Society in Fort Wayne.

Eldred Fink

LAGRANGE — Eldred V. Fink died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at his home rural LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 19, 2010, Friday

Virgil Bowers

ALBION — Virgil J. Bowers, 93, of Albion died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett following a brief illness.

Mr. Bowers

Mr. Bowers was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1980.

He was a graduate of Auburn High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Churubusco Order of the Easter Star 136, Knights of the Red Order of Constantine, and the Albion American Legion Post. He had also been a member of the former Albion IOOF.

Mr. Bowers had lived in Fort Wayne and at Blue Lake before moving to Albion in 1968.

He was born Oct. 23, 1916, in Auburn, a son of Homer and Grace (Farver) Bowers. He was married on Jan. 5, 1940, to Alma M. Shull. She preceded him in death on Sept. 13, 2009.

Surviving are his children, Robert R. (Janet) Bowers of Garrett and Dorothy Ann (William) Scheurich of Avilla; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Victor Bowers, and by a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 1 p. m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Kenneth Weaver officiating. Interment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM will conduct memorial services at 5 p. m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor, 1367 S. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738

To leave an online condolence log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

Nancy Campbell

AVILLA — Nancy Lou Campbell, 65, of Avilla died on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 9 a.m. at her residence in Avilla.

Nancy was born on February 1, 1945, to the late Mearle Z. and Ruth L. (Wenger) Fisher. On March 13, 1964, she married Richard L. Campbell. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2007.

She grew up in Jackson Michigan. When she and Richard got married they lived in Churubusco near Blue Lake. She has lived in Avilla for the last 41 years.

After 27 years of service as a cook, she retired in 2002 from the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a member of the Harvest Community Church in Kendallville, "Threads of Love" Quilting, and was a 35-year member of the Beta Sigma Phi, currently serving as treasurer.

Nancy was known as to never know a stranger. She also loved to sew, crotchet, cook and garden.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law; Jeff Campbell of South Milford and Le Roy and Wahnne Campbell of South Milford.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and a brother, David Fisher.

Funeral services will be today, Friday, March 19, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Jack Crothers of the Harvest Community Church will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Visitation was Thursday, March 18, 2010, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Ileen Ellert

PORT SAINT LUCIE, Fla. — Ileen L. Ellert, 77, of Port Saint Lucie and formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with calling one hour prior to the service. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate.

Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to Treasure Cove Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

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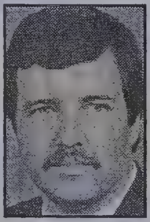
Michael Waggoner

HOUSTON, Texas — Michael Bruce Waggoner, 52, passed away at M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas. on Monday, March 15, at 4 a.m. after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born August 25, 1957, to Felix and Doris Waggoner at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.


Mr. Waggoner

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Meladie (Germantown, Tenn.) and two sons, James of Fort Knox, Ky., and Jimmy of Germantown, Tenn.; a brother-in-law, Mel of Memphis, Tenn.; his mother, Doris Waggoner of Kimmell, Ind.; a brother Larry, of Kimmell, Ind.; one sister, Debra Nidlinger and husband Jimm of Terre Haute, Ind.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Jared and Cason Nobles of Dyersburg, Tenn.; Gina (Mark) Ernst of Terre Haute, Ind.; Jimm Jr., Cody, Christian, and Jayme Nidlinger of Terre Haute, Ind.; and Chris (Angie and Tori) Waggoner of Roanoke, Ind. Also surviving are extended family and friends Kerry Nidlinger of Terre Haute, Ind.; Dennis and Sherry Nidlinger (Brett, Jeff, Jon and Tara) of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Cheryl and Mike Person of Houston, Texas; Kevin Daymon of Michigan; and Mike and Debbie Bireley of Terre Haute, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his father, Felix Waggoner; his brother, Rick Waggoner; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mel and Addie Belle Nobles of Germantown, Tenn.

Mike attended school in Fort Wayne until his family moved to Knapp Lake. There he attended West Noble High School graduating in 1976.

After high school he went on a cross country scholarship to Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan. While there he was named to the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1978, graduating with an associate degree in science. Continuing on, he entered Freed-Hardeman University on a cross country scholarship and received a bachelor's degree in communications as well as a bachelor's degree in marketing. Upon completion of his education, he started his career at Dubois Chemical Co. then on to Western Water Systems and finally an 18-year tour of employment with Eco Labs. All of his positions involved sales and service of chemicals and industrial water treatment equipment. Mike excelled at his work, winning numerous national awards. In 1997 and in 2000 he was second in the nation as a water care specialist. He was also named Mid-South Budget Buster of the Year.

Mike was a devoted son, brother, uncle, father, and husband. He always had a smile on his face and could always make you laugh. At the age of 14 Mike accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized while attending Camp Indogan by Brother George Welker. He was faithful to the end. Mike will always be remembered as being honest and a man of his word, winning the respect of both friend and client. He had a big heart; helping care for his elderly in-laws, adopting the boys and providing for his family. He was always more concerned for the welfare of others than his own. He will be greatly missed by all.

Viewing will take place Friday from 7-9 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, where the funeral will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. with Minister Dave Phillips of the Germantown Tennessee Church of Christ officiating.

Burial will follow at the Thorn Cemetery in Ormas, Ind., with a dinner to follow immediately at the LaGrange Church of Christ in LaGrange, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Germantown Church of Christ Building Fund, 8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138.

A memorial service will be held in Mike's honor Sunday, March 28, at 4:30 p.m. at the Germantown Church of Christ, Germantown, Tenn.

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Eldred Fink

LAGRANGE — Eldred V. Fink, age 71, of LaGrange died on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at his rural LaGrange home.

Mr. Fink

He was born in Weatherford, Oklahoma, on September 19, 1938, to the late Daniel and Olga (Schmidt) Fink.

Mr. Fink served his country in the United States Air Force for close to five years.

He married Geneva L. Sutton July 18, 1988, in Reno, Nevada. She preceded him in death on February 4, 2008.

Mr. Fink was employed at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale, California, for over 25 years, retiring in late 1993.

He loved to watch NASCAR and collect NASCAR memorabilia. He also collected coins and he was an avid John Wayne fan.

Mr. Fink was a supporter of the Disabled American Veterans.

Survivors include a son, Gary Hamman of Kendallville; a daughter, Sheryl Ritchie of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Amy and Troy Soderstrum, Christina Rogers, Jessica Hamman and Elizabeth and Kevin Riley; and three sisters, Evelyn Klassen of Dinuba, California, Virginia and Fred Seher of Ashcroft, British Columbia, Canada, and Lois Hansen of Pinedale, California

He was preceded in death by parents; his wife, Geneva L. "Jenny" Fink on February 4, 2008; a brother, Lawrence Fink; a sister, Beverly Schwartzkope; and a son-in-law, Larry Ritchie.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 21, 2010, from 1-5 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 22, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Willie Collins. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Casketbearers include Richard Henschen, Troy Sutton, Roger Binson, Jack Hughes, Randy Perkins, Donnie Perkins and Tim Campbell.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans.

View a video tribute by Sunday, March 21, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Hazel Smith

CROMWELL — Hazel L. Smith, 65, of Cromwell died Thursday, March 18, 2010, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Condolences may be sent to yeagerfuneralhome.com

Lou Miller

AUBURN — Lou Jane Miller, 86, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker.

She was born April 23, 1923, in Bryan, Ohio, to Ceral and Roxie (Underhill) Dohm.

She married Dr. Darrell Miller on March 26, 1943, in Camp Phillips, Kansas. He passed away October 26, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Darilou Potter of Portland, Oregon; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Mary Miller of Auburn; her companion, Ollie Waid of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Ben Miller of Indianapolis, Tessa and Ryan Creager of Fort Wayne, Cameron Potter of Milwaukee, Wis., and Katie Gault of Chicago, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and one brother, Dr. James Dohm.

Calling will be from 2–6 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

There will be a private family burial service at Butler Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Leon Vance

LIGONIER — A celebration of life for Everett "Leon" Vance will be Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church on U.S. 33 north of West Noble High School.

Mr. Vance died Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010, at his home in Ligonier.

The service will go from 6-8 p.m.

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Don Myers

MONGO — Don J. Myers, 71, of Mongo, IN, died unexpectedly Thursday, March 18, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers was a lifetime Mongo resident where he was very active in the community. He retired after 28 ½ years at Coachmen Industries in Middlebury, Ind., where he was in management. For 34 years he owned Myers Bait and Tackle in Mongo and he currently worked at Town and Country Hardware in Shipshewana, Ind.

He was a member of the Mongo United Methodist Church, Mongo Lions Club and Ducks Unlimited. He was a member for over 50 years of the Mongo Fire Department where he was a former fire chief. He received the Distinguished Hoosier Award, Mighty Oaks Award from Prairie Heights High School, and had played Santa Claus in the Mongo Community for over 40 years.

He loved his grandchildren and was an avid gardener.

Don was born on October 7, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., to Kenneth R. and Vivian C. (Days) Myers; they both preceded him in death. On July 13, 1959, in Ringold, Ga., he married Phyllis M. Targgart. Mrs. Myers survives in Mongo.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Pam and Scott Smith of Middlebury, Ind., Tammy Hogan of Cromwell, Ind., Vivian and Patrick White of Mongo, and Donna and Jon Slone of LaGrange, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Joanie Myers of Mongo; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Bernard Weiss of Mongo; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert L. and Phyllis Myers of Roswell, Ga., and Kevin and Kay Myers of Mongo.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in Mongo Cemetery in Mongo, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials may be given to Mongo Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Hazel Smith

CROMWELL — Hazel L. Smith, 65, of Cromwell died Thursday, March 18, 2010, at her home.

Private family burial services will be held at Oak Park Cemetery.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Frances Rousseau

ANGOLA — Frances J. Mitchell Rousseau, age 79, of Crooked Lake, Steuben County, Ind., passed away on Saturday evening, March 13, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a very loving and kind-hearted person who reached out to others in need.

She was a member and participant of many organizations, including the DAR, Steuben County Women's Club and Steuben County Antique Club.

Frannie was a life-long member of Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She donated to various organizations, not to mention the generosity she displayed to her family and other people.

She was born Aug. 3, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Paul and Dorothy (Cook) Weitzman.

She was widowed by Verne V. Mitchell Jr. and Dr. John Rousseau.

Her survivors are her three children, Verne Mitchell III, Paul Mitchell and Cynthia Mitchell; her four loved grandchildren, Verne (Van) Mitchell IV, Jonathan Mitchell, Ashley Mitchell and Alexander Mitchell; and her sister-in-law, Mary Mitchell Koehlinger.

Her greatest companion was her springer spaniel George.

Frannie's wishes were to have a private ceremony.

We would greatly appreciate any memorial donations to the Steuben County Humane Society, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

She was well loved by her family and members of all walks of life. She will be greatly missed.

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Eugene Woods

FORT WAYNE — Eugene E. Woods, 64, a resident of Los Lunas, N.M., and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., passed away on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

Mr. Woods

He was a draftsman by trade. Eugene taught drafting for many years and went on to become president of the Indiana Draftsman Association.

After many years in the Drafting Industry, Eugene was ready for a career change and chose the grocery business going to work for Kroger Grocery Chain. His expertise was in the produce section and quickly became manager. Eugene retired after 12 years of exemplary service.

Soon after retirement, he went to work for Walmart as an Associate and was used as a floater, going to each department in several stores to evaluate and make positive changes.

In Eugene's heart, family meant everything to him. His children and grandchildren were the loves of his life and he enjoyed being around them whenever he could.

He was preceded in death by his father, William E. Woods; his mother, Imogene D. Armstrong Woods of Fort Wayne, Ind.; his grandparents, Meryl and Lena Armstrong; his aunts, Norma Smitley, Audrey Stockton and Alice Lovell; and his uncle, Manford P. Armstrong.

Eugene is survived by his children, Sharon Dawn Woods, Carol S. (Terry) Barger, and William R. Woods all of Indiana; his grandchildren, Shawn and Josh Reinholdt, Tabitha (Josh) Newman, and Nicholas Barger; and his sister, Rosalind (Albert) Perea of Los Lunas, N.M.

He is also survived by his extended New Mexico family and friends.

A time of remembrance will be 1 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County, Indiana.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Florence Newhard

FORT WAYNE — Florence I. Newhard, 82, died Thursday, March 18, 2010, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will also be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home on Sunday.

Memorials are to the Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

James Fenner

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — James Fenner, 75, of Delray Beach, Fla. and formerly of Elkhart died Monday, March 8, 2010, in Delray Medical Hospital.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with the chaplain of American Legion Post 210 officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will follow the memorial service at Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury with full military graveside honors.

Calling will be one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 210.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Mary Yoder

MADISON — Mary Louise (Mast) Yoder, 65, of Madison and formerly of Goshen died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at her Phoenix home.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Fair Haven Amish Mennonite church, 13513 S.R. 4, Goshen. Burial will be at Townline Cemetery, 2165 S. 1000W, Shipshewana,

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Flowers should be sent to Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.Any other expressions of sympathy should be sent c/o Jason Yoder, 3059 Cameron Court, Madison, IN 47250.

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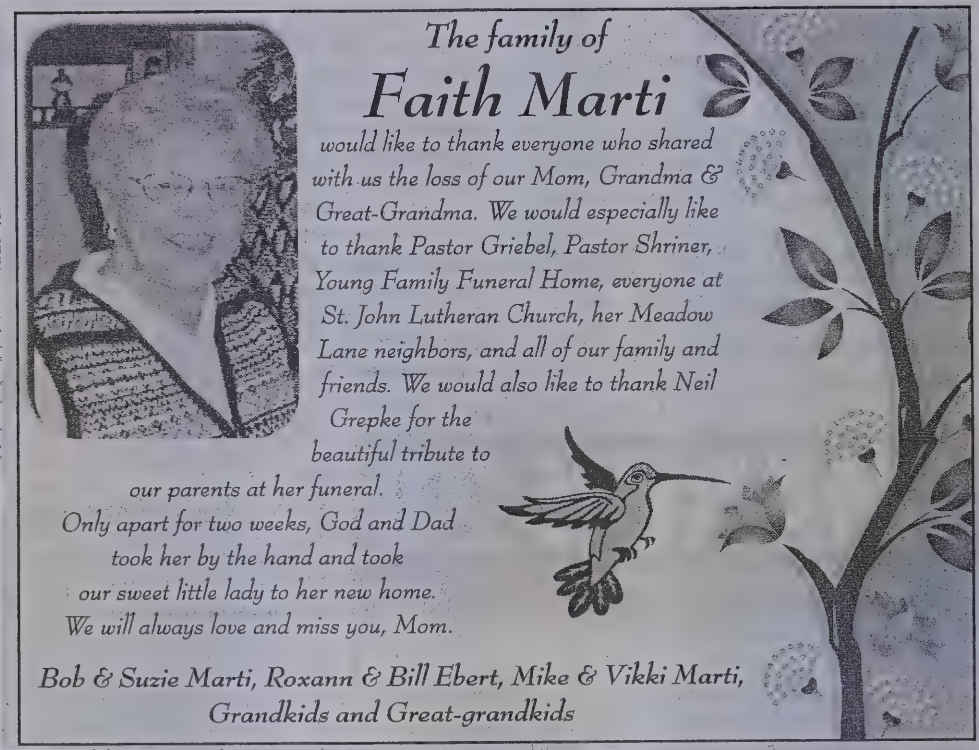

The family of

Faith Marti

would like to thank everyone who shared with us the loss of our Mom, Grandma & Great-Grandma. We would especially like to thank Pastor Griebel, Pastor Shriner, Young Family Funeral Home, everyone at St. John Lutheran Church, her Meadow Lane neighbors, and all of our family and friends. We would also like to thank Neil Grepke for the beautiful tribute to our parents at her funeral.

Only apart for two weeks, God and Dad
took her by the hand and took
our sweet little lady to her new home.
We will always love and miss you, Mom.

Bob & Suzie Marti, Roxann & Bill Ebert, Mike & Vikki Marti,
Grandkids and Great-grandkids

Michael Van Slyke

WATERLOO — Michael L. Van Slyke, 45, died Friday, March 12, 2010, in Waterloo after a short illness.

Mr. Van Slyke had resided in Indiana for many years and worked at area farms in the Waterloo area.

He graduated from Northwestern High School in 1983.

He was born in Erie, Pa., on May 24, 1964, to Lawrence and Anna Van Slyke of Cranesville, Pa. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Heather Van Slyke and her children, Lacey Van Slyke and Amber and Jared Braden of Albion, Pa.

His funeral will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is assisting the family with arrangements.

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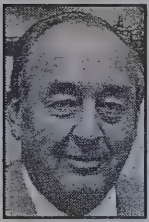
‘A good guy and well-liked’

Banker James Carper was dedicated to his community

BY BILL GISEL

AUBURN — Third-generation Auburn banker James H. Carper was a dedicated man — dedicated to his community, to his family and to his friends.

“He was a very good banker,” recalled lifetime friend Roger Wertenberger, a competing community banker. “He was good for the community, just a very good citizen.”



Mr. Carper

Mr. Carper died Feb. 16 at the age of 82. His banking career at City National Bank of Auburn followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and ended with his retirement in 1989, but his retirement did not diminish his interests and activities, Wertenberger said.

“We golfed nearly every day,” and the two friends lunched weekly with fellow friends Michael Haggarty, Don Brines, Richard Martin and Dr. John Hines. Mr. Carper’s interest in golf started when he caddied at the former Auburn Country Club, the predecessor of Greenhurst County Club, and he played football at Auburn High School and later at Wabash College.

According to Wertenberger, Mr. Carper also played bridge very well.

“He had a good mind for playing the game the way it was suppose to be played,” he explained. Carper partnered in tournaments with the late Warren Sunday, an Auburn attorney who represented City National Bank.

Mr. Carper counted as a close friend the late Del Johnson, the man most instrumental in bringing about the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival. Mr. Carper was a member and past president of the ACD Museum and volunteered often at the museum in a variety of capacities, from working in the archives to dusting the cars, said his wife of 55 years, Wanda.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

James Carper, second row at left, gathers with his large family.

Mrs. Carper described her husband as “a good guy and very well-liked.” She shyly recalled their meeting on a blind date at a Tri Kappa dance in Kendallville, and they married in 1954.

Mr. Carper especially enjoyed time with his family, which included daughters Judy, Jamie and Joanne and son Philip. Mrs. Carper recalled a lifetime of attending innumerable school activities with her husband in support of their children, a practice that continued to include the sporting events of their grandson, Bruce, who is now 13.

Daughter Judy Carper, who teaches at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School in Auburn, fondly remembers times spent — summer and winter — at the family’s cottage on Big Long Lake near Kendallville, and many family trips. Ironically, both Carper women said, their father and husband was well known for leaving home without any money.

“He was always forgetting to get any cash,” Wanda Carper remarked.

The Carpers attended the Auburn Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Carper served as elder. He supported Youth for Christ through the organization’s golf outing, an endeavor of which Mr. Carper was especially proud, his wife said.

Mr. Carper was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a graduate of Wabash College. Mrs. Carper recently was notified by the college that her husband is being honored by the college with a book dedicated in his memory at the Lilly Library for “wisdom and righteousness” in keeping with the school’s motto.

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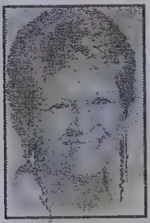
Rosa Wood

AUBURN — Rosa Lea Wood, 64, died Friday, March 19, 2010, at her home in Auburn.


Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Wood was a homemaker.

She was born Nov. 25, 1945, in Fremont, to Noah and Frances (Conley) Gibson.

She married Frank "Tom" Wood on May 13, 1971, in Angola. He died Aug. 17, 2003.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Raymond and Melanie Wood of Angola, Sam Wood of Auburn, Joe Wood of Auburn, and Mike and Crystal Wood of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Maria and Mike Badger of Auburn, and Debbie and Scott Turner of Douglasville, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Helen Zimmerman of Brimfield, Faye Ruff of Turtle Lake, Wis., and May Gibson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; six brothers, Elmer "Ray" Gibson, Delman Gibson, Harley Gibson, Arlin Gibson, Glenn Gibson, and David Gibson; and nine sisters, Lois Gibson, Merty Gibson, Alene Wookman, Lucy Bolen, Patsy Patton, Thelma Coldwell, Ruby McCoy, and Stella Howe.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Quinton Zimmerman officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Raymond Wood.

William Forrest

HAMILTON — William Neil "Griz" Forrest, 65, of Hamilton died Friday, March 19, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Forrest was previously employed at Dexter Axel in Fremont.

Mr. Forrest

He was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club. He was a former member of the Fort Wayne Escorts.

He was born on July 4, 1944, in Auburn, to William Clark Forrest and Willa G. (Parsell) Forrest. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Waterloo.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Pennie and Jesse Hicks of Hamilton, Stephanie and David Jorn of Fremont, Korin Forrest of Quincy, Mich., and Samantha Forrest of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank Shelton and Missy Secrest of Auburn, and William C. and Casey Forrest of Fremont; 15 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sheila and Larry Refner of Waterloo, and Sharon and Donald Hantz of Ashley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Robert Staup officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery in rural Hudson.

Calling will be from 3 - 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Pennie Hicks to assist with medical and funeral expenses.

Ruth Beechy

LAGRANGE — Ruth E. Beechy of LaGrange was stillborn Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

A graveside Service will be help on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Beechy Cemetery in LaGrange.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is providing arrangements.

Madola Sprague

LAGRANGE — Madola Sprague, 99, of LaGrange, died Friday, March 19, 2010, at Millers Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Lajeana Draper

SHIPSHEWANA — Lajeana C. Draper, 52, of Shipshewana died Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange,.

Madola Sprague

LAGRANGE — Madola M. Sprague, 99, of LaGrange died Friday, March 19, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to condolences@earthlink.net

Galen Gillenwater

KENDALLVILLE — Galen A. Gillenwater, 81, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 21, 2010, at his Kendallville residence.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

In
Loving
Memory Of
Jerry L. (Good)
Collins
July 9, 1938 to
March 22, 2009
Missing You,
Sister Joanne
& Family

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Galen Gillenwater

KENDALLVILLE — Galen A. Gillenwater, age 81, of Kendallville died on Sunday, March 21, 2010, Kendallville home.

He was born in Milgrove, Indiana, on October 23, 1928, to the late Sherman and Cora (Miller) Gillenwater.

Mr. Gillenwater

He married Geraldine Bolen on August 15, 2000, in Tazwell, Virginia.

Mr. Gillenwater worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1990 after 41 years of service.

He was a member of the Rehobeth Missionary Church in Albion where he enjoyed attending services.

Mr. Gillenwater loved hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Gillenwater of Kendallville; three sons, Galen and Corinne Gillenwater of Albion, Bill and Laura Gillenwater of Fort Wayne, and Tim and Sharon Gillenwater of Fort Wayne; four stepsons, Kenneth and Judy Bolen of Columbia City, Bob and Kelly Bolen of Albion, Roger and Kim Bolen of Kendallville, and Tim and Lori Bolen of Kendallville; one stepdaughter, Sue and Jay Griffith of Avilla; five grandchildren; 13 stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and two sisters, Hazel Fuqua of Peru, Indiana, and Aletha and Richard Harvey of Grabill, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary (Gasper) Gillenwater who passed away May 13, 1974; his second wife, Fern (Goen) Gillenwater who passed away February 8, 1992; six brothers; and five sisters

Visitation will be today, Tuesday, March 23, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Gerald Rinkenberg and the Rev. David Eicher.

Burial will be at Rehobeth Cemetery in Albion, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

View a video tribute by today, Tuesday, March 23, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Edward Miller

COLUMBIA CITY — Edward J. Miller, 69, of Columbia City died at 9:45 p.m. Thursday at Parkview North, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

He was born October 23, 1940, in Rochester, Indiana, a son of Donald R. and Evelyn M. (Keesey) Miller. As a young boy his family moved to Columbia City, where he began elementary school. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1958.

On June 12, 1960, he was united in marriage to Barbara Hood. They made their home in Muncie, Ind., while he completed college. In 1962, he received a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Ball State University.

In 1963, he joined the United States Marine Corps and became a helicopter pilot serving in Vietnam. He attained the rank of captain.

Following his discharge, he went to work for Scott Paper Company and then transferred to a company they acquired, Brown Jordan, a high end outdoor furniture manufacturer in southern California. He became their vice president. In 1987, he moved to Angola, Ind., and started his own company, Ed Miller Associates, selling lines of outdoor furniture. He retired in 2006.

Surviving relatives include wife of 49 years, Barbara; three sons, Tom (Susan) Miller, Angola, Brad (Phyllis) Miller, Lainsburg, Mich.,, and Steve (Jody) Miller of Elkhart; nine grandchildren including Thom Miller of Princeville, Hawaii, and Robyn Miller, Angola; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Daniel Miller of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Linda White.

A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. The U.S. Marine Corps will present honors. Visita- [illegible] today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Humane Society of Whitley County or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Former Noble County official dies

ELKHART — Barry G. Fox, age 54, of Elkhart died on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Fox

He was born in LaGrange, Ind., on August 19, 1955, to Brent and Janet (Greene) Fox.

Mr. Fox graduated from East Noble High School in 1974.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1975 to 1979.

Mr. Fox worked at the Noble County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher for seven years. He also had worked for Starcraft in Goshen for 10 years and at Martin Supermarket in Elkhart County for the last four years.

He was a founding member of the Noble County EMS and a charter members of the Rome City Sons of American Legion.

Mr. Fox was former EMT and a member of the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a former Noble County Commissioner and had been a candidate for Noble County sheriff. He was a candidate in the last election for Elkhart County commissioner. He had served as campaign manager for his brother state Rep. Brad Fox.

Mr. Fox had a lifelong passion for public service.

He loved to be with his family and grandkids.

Survivors include a son, James and Cherrie Fox of Cromwell; three daughters; Alicia and Erik Hoover of Charlotte, N.C., Alison Fox of Goshen and Ashley and Eric Brown of Goshen; seven grandchildren, Alexandria, Dannielle and Dakota Fox, Kaden, Kyler and Kenadi Pierce, and Bailee Brown; a brother, Pat and Karen Fox of Rome City; a sister, Ann and Stan Fraze of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Paula Fox of Rome City and Maryjo Fox of Flower Mound, Texas; and two uncles, Charlie Knott of Kendallville and Jean Fox of Kendallville

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Brent Fox and Brad Fox.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Rome City United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 3 p.m at Rome City United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Mike McKinney.

Preferred memorials may be made to Rome City United Methodist Church and the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department.

View a video tribute by Wednesday, March 24, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Henry Smith

ANGOLA — Henry W. Smith, 80, of Angola died Sunday, March 21, 2010, in Angola.

Mr. Smith had served as plant manager at Perry Printing in Angola and Flint, Mich., for 31 years.

He was a member of the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He was born July 20, 1929, in Detroit, Mich. to Berger and Minnie (Harding) Smith. He married Paula Kruse on Sept. 16, 1950. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary and Bonnie Smith of Edmore, Mich., and Bruce and Tammy Smith of Brownsburg, Ind.; a daughter, Jeananne and Gary Hensley of Angola; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with Pastor Arlin Cochran officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Wayne Walter

LAGRANGE — Wayne J. Walter, 79, of LaGrange, died Sunday, March 21, 2010 at his residence.

Mr. Walter

He retired as a building maintenance supervisor from the Indiana Toll Road after working there from 1962 to 1995.

He was an Air Force Veteran who served in the Korean War.

Mr. Walter was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He attended the Topeka Baptist Church.

He was born on April 25, 1930, in LaGrange County to Emery A. and V. Opal (Hayward) Walter. He married Ida A. Miller on June 29, 1952, in LaGrange County. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dona and Steve Mossburg of Ligonier; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Beth Walter of Fort Wayne, Todd and Sharon Walter of Columbus, Ohio, and Scott and Karen Walter of Noblesville; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Yvonne Puff of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Julia Walter; a son, Monty Walter; and a sister, Fonda Morgan.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Topeka Baptist Church, 104 North St. with Pastor Gene Parker officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with military rites provided by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to funeral services on Thursday.

Memorial contribution may be directed to the Topeka Baptist Church, c/o Pharmaceutical Co-Pays, P.O. Box 745, Topeka, IN 46571 or the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Lydia Emrick

COLDWATER, Mich. — Lydia A. Emrick,79, died Sunday, March 21, 2010, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home with calling 30 minutes prior to service. Calling will also be from 5-8 p.m. today at funeral home.

To send online condolences or to sign the guestbook, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com

Edward Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Edward C. Miller, 90, Middlebury died Sunday, March 21, 2010, at his winter home in Sarasota, Fla.

Services will be at 1 p.m Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church. Burial will be in Griner Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Living Hope Native Ministry, P.O. Box 50, International Falls, MN 56649.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com

LaJeana Draper

SHIPSHEWANA — LaJeana C. Draper, 52, of Shipshewana died Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Legion Auxiliary in Reading, Mich.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

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Robert Andres

MISHAWAKA — Robert Andres, 84, residing in Mishawaka, IN, passed away at on March 15, 2010, at his home.

Mr. Andres retired from Gates Chevrolet as Vice President/General Manager.

He was born on May 20, 1925, in Logansport, Indiana, to Ruth (Goodrich) and Bruce Andres and moved to South Bend in 1956. He married Zelma (Pitt) Andres, who survives, on August 13, 1949, in Shaker Heights, OH.

Along with his wife, Zelma, he is survived by his daughter, Jami Ward of Greenwood, IN; his son, Bruce (Elizabeth) Andres of Terre Haute, IN; five grandchildren, Justin Andres, Eric Andres, Emily Andres, Corey Ward and Joey Ward; two great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Alexis Ward; and his twin brother, Richard Andres of Mt. Lebanon, PA.

Mr. Andres and his brother summered at Lake James in his youth. His mother, Ruth (Goodrich) Andres was a native of Angola. Mr. Andres continued to vacation at Lake James throughout his life. He and his brother passed their love of Angola and Lake James to their families, who still regularly vacation at Lake James and Snow Lake.

Mr. Andres was a member of Phi Delta Theta and Morris Park Country Club, South Bend.

He served in the United States Merchant Marines during World War II. He met his wife, Zelma, while attending Allegheny College. After graduation, they were married and have enjoyed 60 wonderful years together.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Palmer Funeral Home - River Park, South Bend and Southlawn Cremation Services are assisting the family with arrangements.

Contributions in memory of Robert Andres may be made to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

Max Kerr

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Max M. Kerr, 53, of Defiance died Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital in Tallahassee, Fla.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Restoration Tabernacle, 9118 Christy Road in Defiance.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home and one hour prior at the tabernacle.

Memorials are to Fellowship Club, 901 Deatrick St., Defiance, OH 43512 or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.defiancefuneralhome.com.

JoAnn Harrison

SYRACUSE — JoAnn E. Harrison, 78, of Ligonier died Monday, March 22, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Private family military graveside services will be held on Thursday at the North Webster Cemetery by the North Webster American Legion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Humane Society of Noble County, P.O. Box 471, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Send condolences to owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 24, 2010, Wednesday

Sally Bell

SKINNER LAKE — Sally Sue Bell, age 66, of Skinner Lake in Albion died on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at her residence on Skinner Lake.

Mrs. Bell

She was born in Kendallville on May 6, 1943, to the late Chester and Neva (Davidson) Palmer.

Mrs. Bell graduated from Kendallville High School in 1961.

She married Jack Bell on September 1, 1963, and he survives on Skinner Lake.

Mrs. Bell was a longtime secretary working at the McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville for eight years, the Northeastern Center for three years and for the City of Fort Wayne for 19 years, retiring in 2004.

She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and had served as an elder since 2001.

Mrs. Bell has also belonged to the Delta Theta Tau Sorority in Kendallville for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Bell of Skinner Lake in Albion; one daughter, Melissa Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina; and three grandchildren, Andrew Smith, Nathan Smith and Kiersten Smith.

Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, David Palmer.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Lana Christy

ANGOLA — Lana Elizabeth Christy, 89, of Angola, Ind., died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, in Angola.

Mrs. Christy and her husband, Christ, had owned and operated Christy's Coney Island from November 1952 until July 1973.

She had also worked for Billy Sunday in the treasurer's office at Tri-State University.

Mrs. Christy was a graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and had attended Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

She was also a member of the Angola Women of the Moose, Steuben County Women's Club and numerous bridge clubs in Steuben County.

Mrs. Christy loved to dance, read, traveling and walking.

She was born September 18, 1920, on the Knisely farm in York Township, Steuben County, to Ralph W. and Helen (Brown) Zimmerman. She married Christ A. Christy on February 19, 1941. He died December 25, 1982.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mitchel and Sandi Christoules of Angola, Ind., and Albert and Susan Christoules of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a special adopted son and his wife, Fred and Sharon Aldrich of Angola, Ind.; four grandchildren, Jennifer (Eddie) Hudson of North Carolina, Elizabeth Christoules of Arizona, Brian Czarnecki of Virginia and Alexis Christoules of Texas; a granddaughter-in-law, Tanja Rosenbach of California; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Michael Christoules; and two sisters, Phyliss Barton and Dorothy Culver.

Private graveside services will be held at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola or the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Gertrude Gingerich

MARTIN, Mich. — Gertrude Gingerich, 83, of Martin died Sunday, March 21, 2010, at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorder, 260 Jefferson St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Online condolences may be sent to millerstewart funeralhome.com

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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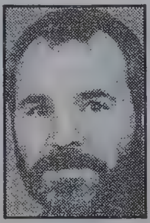
Michael Gordon

AVILLA — Michael Wayne Gordon, 56, of Avilla died Monday, March 22, 2010, at 11:45 p.m. in the V.A. Medical Center in Marion.


Mr. Gordon

Mr. Gordon attended Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, and graduated from East Noble High School in 1972.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-1976, and was stationed at the SAC Air Command in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Air Force Base in Rheinstein, Germany.

He was a computer operator.

Mr. Gordon was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Mike was born March 22, 1954, in Columbia City to Ronald and Nancy J. (Deetz) Gordon.

He is survived by two sons, Colin James Gordon and special friend Lesley Malone of Indianapolis and Ethan Michael Gordon of Albion; his mother, Nancy J. Gordon of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Ronald and Dee Gordon of Fremont; four brothers and a sister-in-law, Paul and Beth Gordon of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Roger Gordon of Auburn, John Gordon of Kendallville, and Scott Gordon of Kendallville; two stepbrothers, Kevin and April Robinson of Fremont, and Khris Robinson of Pleasant Lake; a stepsister, Kelly Brown of East St. Louis, Illinois; two nephews, Andrew Gordon and Austin Gordon, both of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; a niece, Arrin Gordon of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; lifelong friends, Gary and Martha Dafforn of Kendallville and their family, Chris, Lori, Trevor and Meghan and Jenny, Theo, McKenzie and Griffin; and close family friend, Melinda Shepard.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Diane Gordon in 1960; his maternal grandparents, Willis and Mildred "Peg" Deetz; and his paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Elizabeth Gordon.

Calling is Friday, March 26, 2010, from 4-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the church.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 27, 2010, at 2 p.m. in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha and Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating. Honor guard services will be conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Preferred memorials are to the USO or the American Cancer Society.

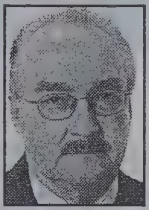
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Bradley Recht

AVILLA — Bradley F. Recht, 63, of Avilla died, Saturday, March 20, 2010.

He founded and owned Brad's Body & Paint for 25 years.

He also served in the U. S. Army as a paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam from 1967-1968.


Mr. Rect

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Kimberly E. Recht; four brothers, Walter T. (Vickie) Recht, Geoffrey A. Recht, Guy G. (Tonie) Recht, and Paul S. (Joanne) Recht; 17 nieces and nephews; seven great-nieces and great-nephews; and one great-great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Carl and Rita Rose Recht; and a sister, Carol Recht Gibson.

A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service. Pastor Ronald Stephens will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church, 2313 S. Hanna St,, Fort Wayne, IN 46803, or Avilla American Legion, Post 240, P. O. Box 434, Avilla, IN 46710.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 24, 2010, Wednesday

Lucille Stauffer

FREMONT — Lucille Ellen Ogg Stauffer, 95, of Fremont died Monday, March 22, 2010, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Stauffer

Mrs. Stauffer had worked with family contracting and building business and had been employed for 12 years as a reservation's clerk at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park.

She had attended Fremont United Methodist Church and had formerly attended Clear Lake Lutheran Church.

Music was her hobby.

She was born July 30, 1914, in Decatur, Ind., to Perry Jay and Myerl (Niblick) Ogg. She married Mark L. Stauffer and he preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are a son, Dr. David M and Cydney Stauffer of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a daughter-in-law, Julia Jean Stauffer of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Vickie and Dr. Chris Bryan, Robert and Teresa Stauffer, Melissa and Sean Ervin and Mary and Charles Daniel; 10 great-grandchildren, Jennifer Bryan, Sarah and Andrew Shultz, Amanda and Ashley Asbell, Jessica Thompson, Lindsey and John Thomas, Lily, Riley and Jack Ervin and Blake and Charlie Daniel; and seven great-great-grandchildren, Chandler Perry Asbell, Caitlyn Asbell, Evan Thompson, Drew Thompson, Atreyu Bryan Safara, Kathryn Shultz and Isabella Shultz.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Perry B. Staufffer on Dec. 3, 2008; a grandson, Timothy Jay Stauffer in 1958; three sisters; and a brother.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery at Fremont.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday prior to the funeral service.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Steuben County, 1700 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Eugene Meyers

FORT WAYNE — Eugene D. Meyers of Fort Wayne and Ashley died Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Worship for Shut-ins or to the building fund for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at Stroh.

Steuben man dies in LaGrange crash

LAGRANGE — A man from Big Turkey Lake was killed in a head-on collision that occurred at about 3 p.m. Monday on U.S. 20 near C.R. 200E, LaGrange, police said.

Joshua R. Rice, 31, lost his life. He was a passenger in a car driven by Sandra L. Rice, 30, Big Turkey Lake, the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department reported.

Sandra Rice was traveling eastbound on U.S. 20 when she attempted to pass another eastbound vehicle. In doing so, she collided with a vehicle driven by Leanna W. Wengerd, 34, Wolcottville.

Both drivers took evasive action but were unable to avoid the collision, the sheriff's department reported.

Wengerd and her passenger, Rosella P. Schwartz, 23, LaGrange, both complained of pain and were treated at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Rice was airlifted to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

The LaGrange Sheriff's Department was assisted by LaGrange Police Department, LaGrange Fire Rescue, LaGrange County EMS and Parkview Samaritan.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Donald Dodson, 73

FORT WAYNE — Donald A. "Bubba" Dodson, 73, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Born in South Bend, IN., Donald worked as a communications technician with GTE for 30 years.

He was a member of 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and was a U.S. Air Force Korean War veteran.

He was a "Die Hard Cubs Fan" and loved all sports, especially golf.

Surviving are his sons, Donald A. (Peggy) Dodson Jr. of LaOtto, IN., Thomas J. Dodson of Fort Wayne, Robert "Robbie" Dodson of Kendallville, Michael (Kelly) Dodson of Avilla, and John (Lanisa) Dodson of Kendallville; his daughters, Karen F. (Steve) Hicks of Bloomsberg, PA., and Sue J. Sipes of Spencerville; his stepdaughters, Sheryl L. Figg of Tennessee, Tonya L. Tatem of South Carolina, and Jody L. Lomas of Lafayette, IN.; a brother, Thomas S. (Sandra) Dodson of San Diego, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his beloved dog, Taz.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, F. and Lois(Rumpf) Logan; his first wife Ann Marie (Shields) in 1960; his second wife, Pamela S. (Rand) in 1965; and his third wife, Ellen C. Dodson in 2007.

Services were held March 20, 2010 at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Burial took place in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Memorials may be made to the Gebalt School For Boys.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombansons.com.

Sally Sue Bell, 66

ALBION – Sally Sue BelL, age 66, of Skinner Lake in Albion died on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at her residence on Skinner Lake.

She was born in Kendallville on May 6, 1943 to the late Chester and Neva (Davidson) Palmer.

Mrs. Bell graduated from Kendallville High School in 1961.

She married Jack Bell on September 1, 1963 and he survives on Skinner Lake.

Mrs. Bell was a long time secretary working at the McCray Hospital in Kendallville for eight years, the Northeastrn Center for three years and for the City of Fort Wayne for 19 years retiring in 2004.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville where she was an active member and had served as an elder since 2001. Mrs. Bell has also belonged to the Delta Theta Tal Sorority in Kendallville for several years.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Bell of Skinner Lake in Albion; one daughter, Melissa Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina; three grandchildren, Andrew Smith, Nathan Smith and Kiersten Smith

Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, David Palmer.

A Private Family Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Preferred Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Presbyterian Church.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Virgil J. Bowers, 93

ALBION – Virgil J. Bowers, 93, a resident of Albion, passed away at 3:25 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett following a brief illness. He had been a patient there since March 4.

Mr. Bowers was born on October 23, 1916 in Auburn, a son of Homer and Grace (Farver) Bowers, and spent his formative years in that community. He graduated from Auburn High School, and as a young man served with the U.S. Army during World War II.

On January 5, 1940 he was married to Alma M. Shull. The couple lived in Fort Wayne for a short period before moving to Blue Lake near Churubusco. They had lived in Albion since 1968.

Employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne for 38 years, he retired from there in 1980.

He was a member of Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, Knights of the Red Order of Constantine, and the Albion American Legion Post. He had also been a member of the former Albion IOOF.

Mrs. Bowers preceded him in death on September 13, 2009.

Among the surviving relatives are his children Robert R. (Janet) Bowers of Garrett and Dorothy Ann (William) Scheurich of Avilla; fourgrandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother Victor Bowers; and by a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Chaplain Kenneth Weaver, officiating.

Interment was in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Miller's Merry Manor, 1367 S. Randolph St., Garrett, IN 46738.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March24, 2010, Wednesday

Hazel L. Smith, 65

CROMWELL – Hazel L. Smith, age 65, of Cromwell passed away Thursday March 18, 2010 at her residence.

She was born on July 22, 1944 in Auburn, IN to Walter and Mable (Gingerich) Wallace. She married Charles L. Smith on February 17, 1972.

Hazel worked for ten years at Meijer in Dunlap and had worked at the Lakeland Spinal Health in North Webster until 2009. She attended Cromwell United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband Charles L. Smith of Cromwell, a daugher, Jennifer (Tom) Nicodemus of Ligonier, grandchildren, Thomas and Adam Klatt of Ligonier, stepgrandchildren, Tomi (Charles) Hilton, Kass & Kory Nicodemus all of Wolf Lake, stepgreat-grandchildren, CJ and Madeline Hilton of Wolf Lake and siblings, Janet Anglemyer of Tennesee and Eddie Wallace of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings.

A private family burial will take place at Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions my be made to the family.

Michael Bruce Waggoner, 52

HOUSTON, TEXAS – Michael Bruce Waggoner, 52, passed away at M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas on Monday, March 15th at 4:00 a.m. after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

He was born August 25, 1957 to Felix and Doris Waggoner at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Meladie of 12 years (Germantown, TN); two sons, James of Ft. Knox, KY and Jimmy of Germantown, TN; a brother-in-law, Mel of Memphis, TN; his mother Doris Waggoner and one brother Larry, both of Kimmell, IN; one sister, Debra Nidlinger and husband Jimm of Terre Haute, IN.

Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Jared and Cason Nobles of Dyersburg, TN; Gina (Mark) Ernst of Terre Haute, IN; Jimm Jr., Cody, Christian, and Jayme Nidlinger of Terre Haute, IN; Chris (Angie and Toni) Waggoner of Roanoke, IN. Also surviving are extended family and friends Kerry Nidlinger of Terre Haute, IN; Dennis and Sherry Nidlinger (Brett, Jeff, Jon and Tara) of Ft. Wayne, IN; Cheryl and Mike Person of Houston, TX; Kevin Daymon of MI; and Mike and Debbie Bireley of Terre Haute, IN. He was preceded in death by his father, Felix Waggoner, his brother Rick Waggoner, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mel and Addie Belle Nobles of Germantown, TN.

Mike attended school in Ft. Wayne until his family moved to Knapp Lake. There he attended West Noble High School graduating in 1976.

After high school he went on a cross country scholarship to Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan. While there he was named to the Outstanding Young Men of America in 1978, graduating with an Associate Degree in Science. Continuing on he entered Freed-Hardeman University on a cross country scholarship and received a Bachelor's Degree in Communications as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. Upon completion of his education he started his career at Dubois Chemical Company then on to Western Water Systems and finally an 18 year tour of employment with Eco Labs. All of his positions involved sales and service of chemicals and industrial water treatment equipment. Mike excelled at his work, winning numerous national awards. In 1997 and in 2000 he was 2nd in the nation as a water care specialist. He was also named Mid-South Budget Buster of the Year.

Mike was a devoted son, brother, father, and husband. He always had a smile on his face and could always make you laugh. At the age of 14 Mike accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized while attending Camp Indogan by Brother George Welker. He was faithful to the end. Mike will always be remembered as being honest and a man of his word, winning the respect of both friend and client. He had a big heart; helping care for his elderly in-laws, adopting the boys and providing for his family. He was always more concerned for the welfare of others than his own. He will be greatly missed by all. The funeral was held on Saturday morning with Minister Dave Phillips of the Germantown Tennessee Church of Christ officiating. Burial was at the Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, IN.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that, for those that desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Germantown Church of Christ Building Fund - 8723 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN 38138.

A memorial service will be held in Mike's honor Sunday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m.at the Germantown Church of Christ, Germantown, TN.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March24, 2010, Wednesday

Lawrence Leif Savoie, 80

ALBION – Lawrence "Larry" Leif Savoie, age 80, of Albion, IN passed away at 11:40 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010 at his High Lake home. Born on November 7, 1929 in Munising, MI he was the son of Leo C. and Gladys M. (Benzing)Savoie.

He served in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne, serving in both World War II and the Korean War. He completed his GED and attended Texas A & U for one year. A resident of Albion for the past 34 years, he retired in 1992 from Conrail Railroad as a machinist with 17 years of service. On April 9, 1977 he was united in marriage to Carolyn Lee in Logansport, IN. His memberships included Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and ABATE.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Carolyn Savoie of Albion; children, Charles Savoie of Sunnyvale, CA, Cindy (Randy) Ferguson of Eugene, OR, Lenay Savoie of Grants Pass, OR, Lee (Lara) Savoie, of Eugene, OR, Linda Wood of Albion, Dan Cole of Columbia City, Trisha Lee of Albion, Barbara Lee-Amsden of Monticello and Jamie (Cristian) Matson of Avilla; brother, Bruce (Kim) Savoie of Hudsonville, MI; step-brother, Glenn (Jackie) Lloyd of Grand Rapids, MI; fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; numerous nephews and nieces; and he served as a father figure to numerous children.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Danny Savoie, brothers, Leon C. Savoie II and Wayne B. Savoie, step-mother,

Fannie Savoie and sister-in-law, Judy Savoie-Maloy.

Visitation is Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 4 - 8 p.m. with a prayer vigil at 5:00 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN. Funeral service is Friday, March 26, 2010 at 10 a.m. with 1 hour of calling prior to service at the funeral home with Fr. Lourdino Fernandes of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, IN. Memorials may be given in memory of Mr. Savoie to the family.

Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Galen A. Gillenwater, 81

KENDALLVILLE – Galen A. Gillenwater, age 81, of Kendallville died on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at his Kendallville home.

He was born in Milgrove, Indiana on October 23, 1928 to the late Sherman and Cora (Miller) Gillenwater.

He married Geraldine Bolenon August 15, 2000 in Tazwell, Virginia.

Mr. Gillenwater worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne retiring in 1990 after 41 years of service.

He was a member of the Rehobeth Missionary Church in Albion where he enjoyed attending services.

Mr. Gillenwater loved hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Gillenwater of Kendallville; three sons, Galen (Corinne) Gillenwater of Albion, Bill (Laura) Gillenwater of Fort Wayne, and Tim (Sharon) Gillenwater of Fort Wayne; four step-sons, Kenneth (Judy) Bolen of Columbia City, Bob (Kelly) Bolen of Albion, Roger (Kim) Bolen of Kendallville, and Tim (Lori) Bolen of Kendallville; one step-daughter; Sue (Jay) Griffith of Avilla; five grandchildren; thirteen step-grandchildren; four great grandchildren; five step-great grandchildren; two sisters, Hazel Fuqua of Peru, Indiana, and Aletha (Richard) Harvey of Grabill, Indiana

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Mary (Gasper) Gillenwater who passed away May 13, 1974; his second wife Fern (Goen) Gillenwater who passed away February 8, 1992; six brothers and five sisters

Services were March 24, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service were Pastor Gerald Rinkenberg and Rev. David Eicher.

Burial was at Rehobeth Cemetery in Albion, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice. Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March24, 2010, Wednesday

Barry G. Fox, 54

ELKHART — Barry G. Fox, age 54, of Elkhart died on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born in LaGrange, Ind., on August 19, 1955, to Brent and Janet (Greene) Fox.

Mr. Fox graduated from East Noble High School in 1974.

He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1975 to 1979.

Mr. Fox worked at the Noble County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher for seven years. He also had worked for Starcraft in Goshen for 10 years and at Martin Supermarket in Elkhart County for the last four years.

He was a founding member of the Noble County EMS and a charter member of the Rome City Sons of American Legion.

Mr. Fox was a former EMT and a member of the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a former Noble County Commissioner and had been a candidate for Noble County Sheriff. He was a candidate in the last election for Elkhart County commissioner. He had served as campaign manager for his brother Brad Fox.

Mr. Fox had a lifelong passion for public service.

He loved to be with his family and grandkids.

Survivors include a son, James and Cherrie Fox of Cromwell; three daughters; Alicia and Erik Hoover of Charlotte, N.C., Alison Fox of Goshen and Ashley and Eric Brown of Goshen; seven grandchildren, Alexandria, Dannielle and Dakota Fox, Kaden, Kyler and Kenadi Pierce, and Bailee Brown; a brother, Pat and Karen Fox of Rome City; a sister, Ann and Stan Fraze of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law, Paula Fox of Rome City and Maryjo Fox of Flower Mound, Texas; and two uncles, Charlie Knott of Kendallville and Jean Fox of Kendallville

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Brent Fox and Brad Fox.

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Rome City United Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Rome City United Methodist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Mike McKinney.

Preferred memorials may be made to Rome City United Methodist Church and the Rome City Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth J. Stuckman, 102

NAPPANEE — Elizabeth J. Stuckman, age 102 died suddenly Monday, March 22, 2010 in LuAnn Nursing Home, in Nappanee.

Mrs. Stuckman graduated from Albion High School.

She worked at the Ligonier Leader as a Linotype Operator.

She was born September 27, 1907 in Albion, IN the daughter of Pindell and Grace (Peyton) Prickett.

Elizabeth moved to Nappanee from Missouri thirty years ago. She married Guy Stuckman on June 11, 1927 in Churubusco, IN. He preceded her in death on September 1995.

Mrs. Stuckman was a member of the United Church of Christ in Iowa. She read two newspapers daily, sent out numerous Christmas cards to friends and family, and enjoyed the library.

Surviving family members are a daughter, Jahala Kay Robie of Nappanee; two grandsons, Kevin (Allison) Robie, and Tom (Beth) Robie; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Esther Helmke, and Mary Lois Radcliffe both of Fort Wayne.

Preceding her in death were five brothers, John, Joseph, Ben, Peyton and Paul Prickett; and one great-grandchild.

She was cremated and will have a graveside service at a later date in Rosehill Cemetery, Albion, IN.

Arrangements are being handled by Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Nappanee Public Library.

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Virginia Sutton

ALBION — Virginia Mae Sutton, age 90, of Albion died on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

Mrs. Sutton

She was born in Knott County, Kentucky on May 30, 1919, to the late Benton and Rachel (Slone) Stamper.

She married Seaphas Sutton on October 31, 1937, in Knott County, Kentucky.

Mrs. Sutton was a devoted homemaker and loved to cook for family and friends, especially Sunday dinners.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Sutton loved to do puzzles and crosswords, and she also enjoyed quilting.

Survivors include: two sons, Victor and Joyce Sutton of LaGrange; Cephas and Barbara Sutton of Kendallville; two daughters, Phyllis and Carl Combs of South Milford, Brenda and Ford Frick of Albion; four grandchildren; Ford and Holly Frick, Christopher Frick, Tim and Angie Dhillon and Jason and Cristy Sutton; twelve great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one sister; Mona and Sherrill Sexton of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters-in-law; Gracie Sutton of Kendallville and Nora Stamper of Iowa; several nieces and nephews; and a close friend of the family, Teresa Frick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Seaphas Sutton who passed away March 28, 1999; one grandson, Wesley Sutton; three brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be Friday, March 26, 2010, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 27, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Leburn Combs. Burial will be at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Gideons International.

View a video tribute by Friday, March 26, 2010, or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, Indiana 46755.

T. Blake Smith

AUBURN — T. Blake Smith, 88, of Auburn, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at his home.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral and Cremation Services, 502 N. Main Street, Auburn, and one hour prior to services at the church Saturday.

Condolences may be left at Pinnington-McComb.com

Dwayne Gressley

ANGOLA — Dwayne E. Gressley, 53, of Angola, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gressley worked at Vestil Manufacturing in Angola. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was born June 13, 1956, in Fort Wayne to Larry E. Gressley and Mary Lou Taylor Gressley.

Surviving are a son, Nicholas C. Gressley of Angola; a daughter, Ashlee N. Gressley of Angola; two brothers, Dwight P. Gressley of West Chester, Ohio, and Mark A. Gressley of New Haven; two sisters, Deborah Radu of Deluth, Minn., and Janet Carl of Chicago, Ill.; his stepmother, Terry McArdle of Avilla; and his former wife, Carol Martinez of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour before service time, from 10-11 a.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Condolences may be left at weichtfh.com

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Dale DePew

GARRETT — Dale L. DePew, 77, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

He was born in Ladysmith, Wis., on May 9, 1932, to Clarence and Irma DePew.

He graduated from Ladysmith High School in 1950. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial supervision from IPFW (Purdue) in 1978.

Immediately after high school he entered the National Guard. He then entered the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was discharged as Airman III. He came to Fort Wayne and worked at Magnavox. He then worked on the Dew Line in Alaska. He returned to Fort Wayne and married Lucile Eldridge on Feb. 14, 1959, in the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" in Nashua, Iowa. He then worked at Mutual Security Life Insurance for 25 years, retiring in 1987.

He was very active in American Baptist Men and was the president at one point. He also was a former member of Summit City Chorus.

He is survived by a sister, Kay (Joe) Pfalzqraf of Ladysmith; a nephew, Alan (Cristi) Closs; a niece, Karen (Dan) Brzezinski; great-nephews, Austin and Garrett Closs and Jon and Josh Brzezinski; great-nieces, Danielle and Kyle Brzezinski; and a sister-in-law, Sarah Jean Eldridge of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and sister-in-law, Marjorie Eldridge.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Fort Wayne Baptist Church Memorial Fund or to Miller's Merry Manor, Garrett.

To sign the online guest book, go to mccombandsons.com

Ronald Knox

KIMMELL — Ronald L. Knox, 73, of Kimmell, died Wednesday, March 24, 2010 in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are currently pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Mattison Kuhn

HAMILTON — Mattison Grace Kuhn, stillborn, died Friday, March 12, 2010, at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

A private family service will be Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the family in care of Michael J. Kuhn, 5790 S. 330E, Hamilton, 46742.

Samuel Miller

LAGRANGE — Samuel N. Miller, 58, of LaGrange, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at his residence.

Services will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 1585 S - 00 EW, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be all day today at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is handling arrangements. Submit online condolences at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Joshua Rice

HUDSON — Joshua R. Rice, 31, died Monday, March 22, 2010, in LaGrange County.

Services for Mr. Rice will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ in Hudson, with Minister Mark Walter officiating.

Visitation will be Friday at the church from 2-8 p.m. Burial will be in the Wright Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Friends may sign a guestbook at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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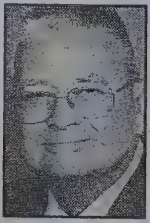
Ronald Knox

KIMMELL — Ronald Lee Knox, 73, of Kimmell died at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Knox was a lifetime area resident.


Mr. Knox

He had worked for Supreme Corporation and Starcarft Tanks.

Mr. Knox was a member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club and the Ligonier-Albion Bowling Association.

He was also a member of Stone's Hill Community Church.

Mr. Knox coached Little League, American Legion Baseball and Stover's Softball teams.

He was born June 8, 1936, in Noble County, Ind., to Wayne and Ruth (Thunander) Knox. He married Joyce Marlene Reeve on November 4, 1953, in Albion, Ind.

Surviving are a son, Kary and Becky Knox of Avilla; a daughter, Sheree and Ron Fritz of Wolcottville; a sister, Vonda and Gary Barnes of Columbia City; two brothers, Jim and Cindy Knox of Fort Wayne and Roger Knox of Wolf Lake; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2010, at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell. Pallbearers will be Kenny Bales, Pat Elliot, Tom Fish, Troy Airgood, Keith Myers, Keith Fiand and Kent Saggars.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Friday, March 26, 2010, at the church. The Lions Club and Masonic Lodge will conduct special services.

Memorials are to the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767, or the the Kidney Foundation.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Sally Bell

SKINNER LAKE — A memorial service for Sally Sue Bell, 66, of Skinner Lake will be at noon on Tuesday, April 6, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The family will receive friends and relatives from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service.

Mrs. Bell died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at her residence on Skinner Lake.

Joshua Rice

HUDSON — Joshua R. Rice, 31, died in an automobile accident on Monday, March 22, 2010, in LaGrange County.

Joshua was born on Feb. 25, 1979, in Auburn to Steven Rice and Linda (Gaff) Tulley. He married Sandra L. Hudson on July 4, 2004 in Sarasota, Fla., and she survives.

He was retired from the United States Army. He was a member of the Stroh Church of Christ, American Pool Association and the United States Bowling Congress.

He is also survived by a stepson, Jayden Hudson of Hudson; three daughters - Julia, Jenna, and Jolee Rice of Hudson; his father and stepmother Steven and Amy S. (Harris) Rice of Hudson; his mother and stepfather, Linda (Gaff) and Stephen Tulley of Edon, Ohio; four brothers, Steve Rice of Angola, Ernest Hanni Jr. of Hudson, Michael Hanni-Wells of Findley, Ohio, and Brent Tulley of Hugo, Okla.; six sisters, Amy Jo Rice of Angola, Alicia Rice of Edon, Misty Rise of Ashley, Laura Murray of Fort Wayne, Shelia Maillard of LaGrange, and Gretchen McKinley of Fort Wayne; and a maternal grandmother, Jane H. Harris of Hudson.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Brandy L. Rice.

Services for Mr. Rice will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Stroh Church of Christ in Hudson, with Minister Mark Walter officiating.

Visitation will be Friday at the church from 2—8 p.m. Burial will be in the Wright Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Friends may sign a guestbook at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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T. Blake Smith

AUBURN — T. Blake Smith, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at his home in Auburn.

The son of Ray and Goldie Smith, Blake married Lois Myers on June 6, 1948.

He had been with the Auburn Fire Department for 20 years, retiring in 1985.

Blake was a member of Indian Village Church of God; had been a County Chairman of the Salvation Army; and had been the Director of the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank for many years where he also had volunteered.

"Blake was a devoted father and grandfather."

He is survived by his daughters, Barbara (Bobby) Shafer of Springfield, Ohio, Beverly (Steve) Treesh of Montgomery, Ala., and Diana (Tom) Ellert of Waterloo; his sons, Robert P. (Tina) Smith of Rome City, Roger L. (Linda) Smith of Springfield, Mo., and David A. (Ann) Smith of Moultrie, Ga.; 16 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; his sisters, A. Lela Allen of Indianapolis, Mary Ellen McInturf of Sun City, Ariz., and Shelba Shuff of Garrett; and his brothers, Warren C. Smith and Donald L. Smith, both of Auburn.

Blake was preceded in death by his beloved wife in 1993; his parents; his sisters, Effie Mahlum and Katherine Decker; and his brothers Dale, John Delmar and Edgar A. Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn, with calling one hour prior to service The Rev. Raymond Warner will be officiating.

Calling will also be at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, today, Friday, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery with honors by the Auburn Fire Department.

Memorials may be made to the Indian Village Church of God Food Bank; Youth for Christ; or to his granddaughter, Marianne and Roy Bodongen, who are missionaries in the Philippines.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.PinningtonMcComb.com

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Dixie Babcock

HUDSON — Dixie Ann Babcock, 64, of McClish Lake near Hudson died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Babcock retired from Weatherhead-Dana after 33 years of service.

She was born June 28, 1945, in Auburn to Arthur and Vivian (Stomm) Northouse. She married Hugh G. Babcock on Oct. 9, 1976. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Annie Northouse of Fort Wayne and Brian and Angela Babcock of Auburn; a stepson, Eric Babcock of Pleasant Lake; a stepdaughter, Trudy Kurtz of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Rita Northouse of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, James Northouse.

Private family services will be held.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Diana Alderman

BERNE — Diana Lynn Alderman, age 64, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 11:05 a.m. at Chalet Village in Berne following an extended illness.

Mrs. Alderman

She was born in Garrett and married David Ross Alderman.

Surviving are her husband, David Ross Alderman of Berne; a daughter, Lara (David) Frame of Valdosta, GA; a son, Damon (Julie) Kleinknight of Decatur, IN; her mother, Elaine Kizer of Garrett, IN; and her grandchildren: Amber and Cody Frame; Jade, Blake and Trae Kleinknight.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2010, in the Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, IN.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until time of the service on Monday at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home.

For complete obituary information and to sign the online guestbook, visit www.zwickjahn.com

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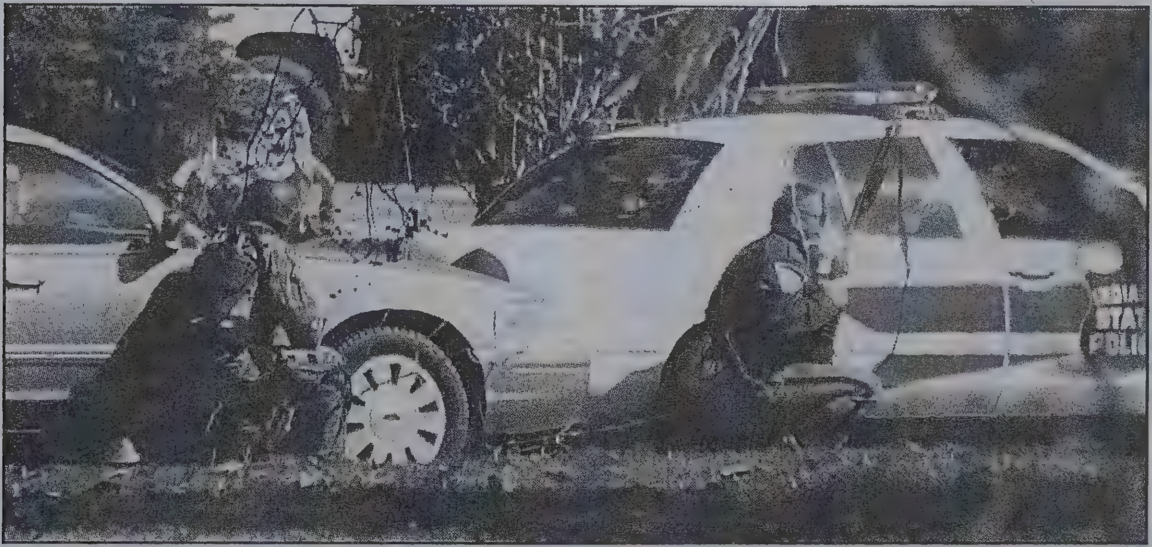
Standoff ends in death

Police kill man who shot estranged wife, held her hostage



JEFF JONES

Police officers, one wearing camouflage assault gear, crouch behind police cars for cover during an armed standoff Friday afternoon east of Waterloo.

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BY JEFF JONES
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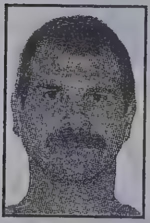
WATERLOO — Police shot and killed a Butler man who had seriously wounded his estranged wife, ending a standoff of more than five hours Friday in a home east of Waterloo.



W. King

Wayne A. King, 38, of the 100 block of South Park Lane, was shot once by police after he reportedly fired several times at police officers as they attempted to enter the home.

Dawn R. King, 40, was rescued by police and flown to Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital for treatment of severe gunshot wounds to both legs, according to Sgt. Rod Russell, public information officer for the Indiana State Police.

The standoff began at 11:38 a.m. when police were called to a domestic disturbance at 4155 U.S. 6, Russell said. Police did not know why or how the disturbance began.

At first, four people were inside the home — Wayne King, Dawn King and two children. The children escaped and fled to a nearby residence.

"The neighbor is the one that called us," said DeKalb County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Jay Oberholtzer. "The neighbor's husband went over to the house. You can hear on the 911 call that he returned to his house and that Wayne King had a weapon. That's when it escalated."

The neighbors, who wished to remain anonymous, said during the standoff that they had Dawn King's "little girl and puppy" safely in their custody.

"It turned into a volatile situation very quickly," Russell said.

Wayne King fired at the first responding officers — police counted eight shots from a 12-gauge shotgun that came through the home's windows, Russell said. Officers did not return fire, instead calling for backup, Russell added.

"Communications were made by officers with one of the occupants of the home," Russell said. "They continued to talk with Mr. King, and he did indicate that he shot his wife, but that she was injured and still alive.

"Officers called for additional assistance and emergency medical personnel, but were unable to approach the residence because the suspect was armed and continued firing upon the officers," Russell said.

A DeKalb County Sheriff's Department spokesman said King attempted to treat his wife's wounds.

Hostage negotiators established contact with Wayne King and also spoke with Dawn King at different times during the incident, Russell said.

"(Negotiators made) several attempts to have him surrender and end this situation so (she) could obtain medical treatment," Russell said.

Negotiators met several demands made by Wayne King, but Russell did not elaborate on what those demands were.

"He continued to be very uncooperative and refused to release (Dawn King) so she could obtain medical treatment," Russell stated.

Negotiations broke down and were re-established on several occasions, Russell explained.

"It was determined the situation needed to end for the sake and safety of Mrs. King," he said.

At 5 p.m., a member of the Indiana State Police Emergency Response Services Team fired one shot, striking Mr. King.

Police deployed several distraction devices, known as "flash-bangs," just before officers attempted to enter the home, according to Russell.

Officers rushed into the home and rescued Dawn King. She was wheeled on a stretcher to a Lutheran Air Ambulance, which had been waiting near the standoff scene for some three hours.

Dawn King had been shot in both legs, but Russell did not know if one or more gunshots had caused those wounds. Police believe she

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STANDOFF: *King shot by police officer at 5 p.m.*

was shot before police received the initial call.

Wayne King was pronounced dead by the DeKalb County Coroner's Office.

U.S. 6 was closed to all traffic until almost 7 p.m. as police investigated.

At the start of the standoff, uniformed police officers and officers in special tactics gear and ballistic helmets — all carrying rifles — crouched behind squad cars and structures around the home. Other officers moved across a field behind houses on the north side of U.S. 6 while additional officers used the Norfolk Southern railroad right-of-way on the south side of the road to move closer to the home.

In addition to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Waterloo Marshal's Department and Indiana State Police, other responding agencies included the Auburn, Angola, Butler and LaGrange police departments; Noble, Steuben and LaGrange county sheriff's departments; LaGrange Police; Indiana Conservation Officers, Waterloo Fire Department and DeKalb EMS.

Victim had obtained protective order

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DeKalb County court documents show Dawn King had obtained a protective order against Wayne King Feb. 1, indicating she feared harm.

Criminal court documents show Wayne King had a history more than 20 arrests dating back to 1989, including five arrests for battery, along with alcohol-related crimes, resisting law enforcement and drug offenses.

On Feb. 18, 2008, Wayne King was arrested on charges of domestic battery and domestic battery with a child present. According to a case summary, Dawn King, then known as Dawn Cumings, was involved in the case.

On May 7, 2009, Wayne King was sentenced to one year of probation and was fined $1 for resisting law enforcement. He also was fined $150 and court costs for domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor.

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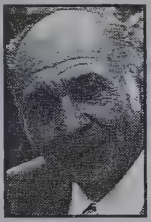
Robert Mayer

EDGERTON, Ohio — Robert J. Mayer, age 85, of Edgerton died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at Tidewell Hospice in Bradenton, Fla.


Mr. Mayer

Mr. Mayer was a former co-owner of Universal Tool in Butler, Ind., and Precise Manufacturing in Fort Wayne, Ind. He also had operated Bryan Electric and Electric Motor Shop in Bryan, Ohio, for many years.

He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, serving during World War II.

He was born on March 2, 1925, in Fort Wayne to William A. and Anna Marie (Herres) Mayer. He married Ruth L. Simmons-Hodgdon on Aug. 13, 1994, in Edgerton and she survives.

Also surviving are his children, Ann (Mark) Thomson of Grand Rapids, Mich., Robert S. Mayer, Gail (Larry) Sito and Susan Glasgow, all of Bryan, Ohio, William (Sue) Mayer of Waterloo, Ind., and Linda Benson of Fremont, Ind.; two stepchildren, Jeanne (John) McRae of Bradenton, Fla., and Charles Hodgdon II of Fort Wayne;15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Holly Mayer; two stepsons, George and Jimmy Hodgdon; two brothers, Bill and Donald; two sisters, Helen Roussey and Joan Axelson; and his first wife, Imogene (Allen) Mayer in 1997.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Edgerton, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by the John D. Smith American Legion Post 10 of Edgerton.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

The online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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The family of

Ruth (Schulthess, Martin) Tarlton

would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers, food and memorials. It was very kind of you. We would like to thank the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for the bountiful and delicious meal after the funeral. A special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Parkview Noble Hospital, Lutheran Life Villages of Kendallville & Hospice for their loving care, and Young Funeral Home and Rev. Luttman for their heartfelt services.

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Tom & Carolyn Mortimore ~ Charles & Alice Martin
Larry & Betty Martin ~ Kenneth & Lois Martin

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Terry Getts

KENDALLVILLE — Terry Lynn Getts, age 45, formerly of Kendallville and recently of Hartford City, died on Thursday, March 25, 2010, in Hartford City.

Mr. Getts

Mr. Getts was born in Angola, Indiana, on November 7, 1964, to Lloyd Clinton and Mary Louise (Bowerman) Getts.

He attended East Noble High School and Ivy Tech.

Terry enjoyed hunting for mushrooms, playing poker and fishing.

He was an avid NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt fan. He was also an Indianapolis Colts, Notre Dame football and Indiana University basketball fan.

Terry coached flag football at the Cole Center Family YMCA in Kendallville for a couple years.

He loved to cook and enjoyed playing video games and spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his parents, Lloyd and Mary Getts of Kendallville; a daughter, Sara and Kenneth Hutton of Bluffton; a son, Army Pfc. Clinton David and Tina Getts stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; a daughter, Litany Getts of Ogden, Kansas; a son, Caleb Getts of Ossian; two stepsons, Brandon and Karine Acker of Marion and Nathan Acker of Hartford City; his companion, Cindy Getts of Hartford City; three grandchildren; Connor, Gavin and Dallas Hutton; three stepgrandchildren, Paige, Brayden and Jaiden Acke; and three sisters, Dianna Boehme of Kendallville, Brenda and Don Fike of Ashley and Cristy Anthony of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Clinton Issac and Mabel (Perkins) Getts, and his maternal grandparents, Cleo Bowerman and Bill and Josephine (Cline) Gipple.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 28, 2010, from 4-6 p.m. with funeral services at 6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

View a video tribute by Sunday or send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Esther Dirr

FORT WAYNE — Esther M. (Benjamin) Dirr, 102, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 25, 2010.

Services will be at noon Monday at Forrest Park United Methodist Chruch, 2100 Kentucky Ave. in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be two hours prior to the services.

Memorials are to the church.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Denny Conley

FORT WAYNE — Glenn "Denny" Conley, 70, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2010, at home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Chattanooga, Ohio, Glenn worked as a truck driver for many years, retiring in 2010.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Conley

He enjoyed the outdoors, original country and western music and the old classic western movies.

He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Surviving are his mother, Ethel Conley of Fort Wayne; a son, Richard "Rick" Conley of Fort Wayne; daughters, Theresa (Chris) Koble of Garrett, Melissa (Dave) Coventry of Fort Wayne and Denise Williams of Albion; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his companion, Patsy Gipple of Hicksville, Ohio; and a sister, Barbara Landel of Hudson, Fla.

Glenn was preceded in death by his father, Wilbur Conley; a brother, Richard Conley; and a sister, Imogene Tracey.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2010, at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com

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'We couldn't wait for her dying'

Hostage negotiator explains why police killed gunman

BY DAVE KURTZ
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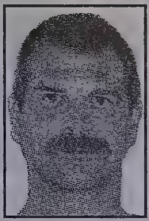
WATERLOO — Police killed a gunman to save the life of his hostage Friday in rural Waterloo, a state police detective said.

After a 5 ½-hour standoff, a state police sniper took down Wayne King, 38, of Butler with a single shot through a window just after 5 p.m.

Officers then rushed King's estranged wife, Dawn King, 40, of Waterloo to a helicopter that flew her for hospital treatment of her gunshot wound.

"Her health was in serious danger," Indiana State Police Detective Mark Heffelfinger said Saturday morning. "We knew that she was getting ill. We felt by her reaction that she was possibly going into shock. We had to get in to get her."

During the course of the ordeal, Heffelfinger said, "It became apparent that we had to act to save her life. He made numerous statements that he was not going to give up, not going to let her go."


W. King

The hospital listed Dawn King in stable condition Saturday afternoon, the detective said.

The incident began around 11:30 a.m. when Wayne King came to Dawn King's home on U.S. 6, east of Waterloo, and confronted her. He eventually shot her in the right ankle with a .12-gauge shotgun, Heffelfinger said.

Possibly before the shooting, Dawn King's daughter ran to the house next door, where the residents called 911 for help. When police arrived, Wayne King greeted them with gunfire, and the standoff began. Eventually dozens of police officers surrounded the home, many in assault gear.

A trained hostage negotiator, Heffelfinger arrived and began speaking with the gunman by telephone. He learned that Wayne King had bandaged Dawn King's wound, and Heffelfinger said he was able to speak with her several times.

Heffelfinger

During the standoff, police met Wayne King's demands for cigarettes and something to drink. They used an armored car to approach the house, then took cover behind shields to walk closer and toss the

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DYING: *Man resisted pleas to release Dawn King or end the standoff*

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requested items toward the door.

At those times and others, officers could have shot Wayne King, Heffelfinger said.

"He had been vulnerable for hours, and we did not want to do anything," the detective said. "What we want is for any hostage to be released and for his surrender safely."

But Wayne King resisted pleas to release Dawn King or to end the standoff.

He fired shots at random through a window of the house, shot at vehicles in the driveway and blasted several things inside the house.

"As time progressed, by his actions, behavior and his words he indicated that he felt it was going to end in a negative way no matter what happened," Heffelfinger said. "He said he was not going to go back to prison."

King had compiled a record of some 20 arrests over the past two decades for a variety of charges, including five incidents involving battery.

The couple also had engaged in past domestic disputes that required police to intervene.

On Feb. 1, Dawn King went to court to obtain a protective order that banned Wayne King from having any contact with her. That step seemed to play a role in motivating Friday's attack, Heffelfinger said.

"Ultimately, it seemed like he was suicidal."

Mark Heffelinger
Hostage negotiator

"Ultimately, he seemed like he was suicidal," he said about King.

"Ultimately, he was not going to leave that property alive. We couldn't wait for her dying, also," Heffelfinger added.

"We tried and tried and tried for four, five, six hours" to end the situation peacefully, he said. "We tried until we thought, 'We just can't wait any longer.'"

A state police command officer made the decision to order the sniper to shoot, Heffelfinger said. Wayne King fell, and police rushed the house, using distracting explosions in case the gunman had survived the bullet.

"I know the decision was right, because her condition was not good when she got out of there," Heffelfinger said about Dawn King.

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Miss Diggins lived life with gusto

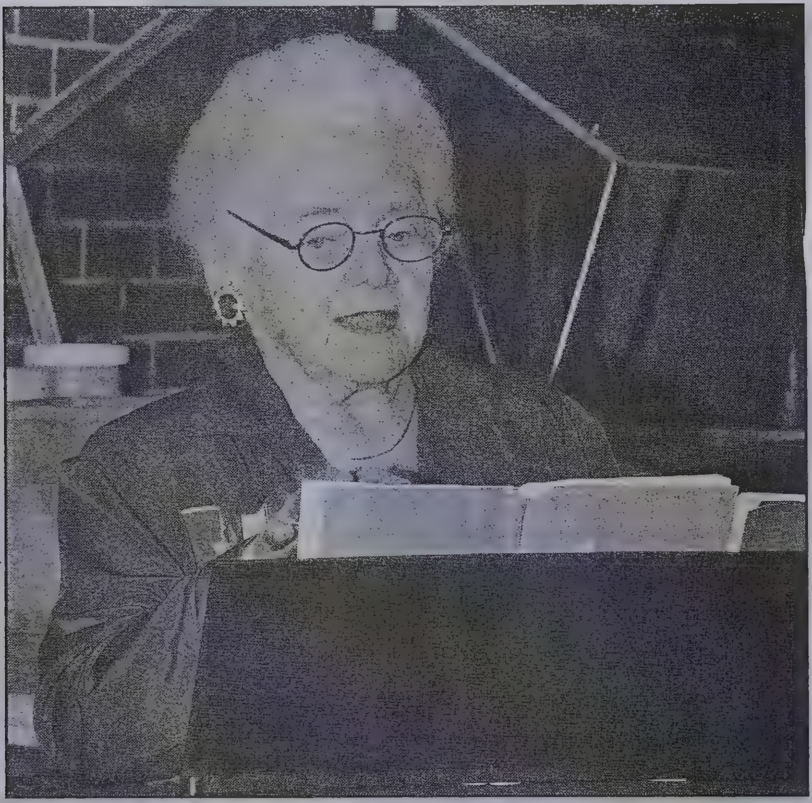

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Joyce Diggins plays the piano and leads Rotarians in singing at a Kendallville Rotary Club meeting last year. Diggins played and sang at Rotary meetings for 17 years.

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Her seven nieces thought it would be wonderful to grow up to be just like their Aunt Joyce, confident, independent and self-sufficient.

"Aunt Joyce made it quite all right to be an old maid at a time when it wasn't socially all right. She took the old out and kept up with anyone half her age," commented her niece, Jan Diggins.

Family and friends called Miss Diggins "AJ" for her love of fast cars like her black Ford Mustang. Trinity Church United Methodist minister Scott Pattison recalled the time her niece Nancy Gleffe was accompanying her aunt on a drive out West. Her aunt floored it to pass a semi. The car's speed kept increasing. Her aunt's response to her niece's concern: "You've got to go fast to pass."

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Joyce Needham Diggins loved life. She embraced all of life. Lived her life full tilt with gusto, said Pattison. Miss Diggins passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2010, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was 86.

"Aunt Joyce was my aunt and best friend," said Gleffe. "She is really missed."

In a poem dedicated to Miss Diggins, her second cousin Karen Kirlin Strate from Utah wrote:

"Joyce Diggins, the last of the breed

Your life was honorable, and you lived your creed

Glad I got to know you better and see your love of life

And the good you did for others who might be in strife."

Miss Diggins was born June 29, 1923, in Wolcottville to Harold Howard and Ruth Marie (Needham) Diggins. A graduate of Ball State Teachers College, she retired after 39 years of teaching elementary school in Elkhart, Middlebury, and 28 years at North Side Elementary School in Kendallville.

She started teaching at Monger School in Elkhart in 1945. Her first-grade class had 45 kids in it. Gleffe has a photo of that class, and said her aunt saved nearly all of the school photos of each class she taught.

"It was always a great treat to be able to go to school with her," recalled Gleffe. "I loved being in her classroom. It was always decorated for each holiday. She kept that tradition at home, too."

Gleffe remembers her aunt telling her how much she enjoyed teaching at North Side in Kendallville.

"AJ told me a few years back that she wished she hadn't retired as early as she did. She missed the classroom." Gleffe said her aunt never regretted moving to Kendallville to teach at North Side. "Joyce was an intense teacher," said Pattison. "She took seriously her passion to help raise the next generations."

Her musical talent was enjoyed by members of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, where she played the organ for many years, and Kendallville Rotarians who welcomed her rousing piano tunes at weekly Rotary meetings from 1992 to 2009.

"She loved to play music in the church, and had a way of connecting with people," said Pattison.

Heidi Ramer, Kendallville Rotary Club president, recalled fondly how much Miss Diggins loved to play the piano at Rotary meetings.

"Joyce thoroughly enjoyed her time with the Rotary Club. Singing is such an integral part of Rotary, and as Joyce aged, she made our singing experience much more entertaining," Ramer said.

About a month before she died, Miss Diggins agreed to play for the Kendallville Rotary Valentine party. She played love songs and was formally recognized for her years of service to the Kendallville Rotary Club.

"How fortunate we were to have been touched by her talents and blessed with her smile for so many years," said Ramer.

In February 2006 on the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International, Diggins was named a Rotary Fellow and a $1,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation was made in her name.

Miss Diggins dressed like a lady.

"She embraced high heels and coordinated outfits," said Pattison. "She spent a lot of time at Ruth's Dress Shop (in Kendallville)." At Rotary Club meetings she was always dressed to the nines with high heels in a variety of colors to match each of her vibrant outfits, recalled Ramer. She was an avid member of the Red Hat Society.

Jan Diggins said when she thinks of AJ, she thinks of her flair for life, for color, for music. "The flair was always with her, and the melody of her life lifted us all," she said.

Miss Diggins is survived by seven nieces, two nephews, 21 great-nieces and nephews and five great-great nieces and nephews.

She is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Preferred memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist or the Eastern Star.

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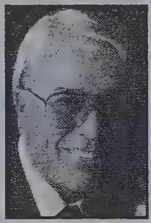
George Mansfield

ANGOLA — George Thomas Mansfield, 74, of Angola died Friday, March 26, 2010, in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

He was the owner of Mansfield Engineering in Angola.

Mr. Mansfield was a member of the Angola Community Church of the Nazarene and a 50-year member of the Angola Masonic Lodge.


Mr. Mansfield

On Oct. 25, 1935, he was born in Muncie, Ind., to Charles and Mary Emily (Durst) Mansfield. He married Janice Eileen (Rex) Mansfield on Feb. 7, 1986. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Martin Thomas and Susan Mansfield, Knoxville, Tenn.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jana and Stan Peterson, Tremonton, Utah, and Mary Emily and Shane Decker, Bargersville, Ind.; three step-daughters, Cynthia Lu Sigrist, Demott, Ind., Diana Sue (Jeff) Massucci, Fort Wayne, and Mary Karen (Greg) Weber, LaGrange; 14 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

A brother, Steven Mansfield, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at Angola Community Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Church of the Nazarene in Angola.

The guestbook may be signed online at www.weichtfh.com.

Lynn Witham

LAGRANGE — Lynn Witham, 37, of Harlan, died Friday, March 26, 2010, at his residence.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with burial in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be today from 3-5 p.m. at Harvest Church, 5903 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with a church service at 5 p.m. Calling also will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Nick and Bonnie Witham.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Rick Wicker

FORT WAYNE — Rick Wicker, 55, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, 222 State St., Kendallville.

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Mabel Steininger

AUBURN — Mabel L. "Peggy" Steininger, 94, of Auburn died Friday, March 26, 2010, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Steininger was born in Royal Center, Ind., on Nov. 7, 1915 to Clarence and Della (Leavell) McDougle.

She was a bookkeeper for The Evening Star Newspaper in Auburn and Electric Motors in Garrett. She retired in 1980.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, and was a member and past president of the Auburn Garden Club.

She married Emmett Steininger on Oct. 10, 1936 in her parent's home near Twelve Mile, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are four children and spouses, Judith and Dewain Johnson, Indianapolis, Don and Kathy Steininger, Fort Wayne, Betty and Larry Theel, Overland Park, Kans., and Barbara and Russell Hoff, of Auburn; a son-in-law, Dr. Gerard Reed, Spring, Texas; two sisters, Ellen Johnson, Crown Point, Ind., and Delores Dennison, Columbia City; nine grandchildren, Bradley Johnson, Stephanie (Brett) Frankhauser, Trent (Shelley) Theel, Scott (Ginger) Johnson, Alison Hoff, Travis (Rachelle) Theel, Kisha Steininger, Ryan (Maura) Hoff and Toby (Marci) Theel; and 18 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Reed, and three brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Gerard Reed and the Rev. Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday, March 29, 2010 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the church.

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Deborah Shew

BEAVERCREEK, Ohio — Deborah Jean Shew, 54, of Beavercreek, Ohio, passed away Saturday, March 27, 2010, at her home.

She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 2, 1955, to James and Betty Hauke of Sardinia, Ohio.

Mrs. Shew

Debbie was preceded in death by her first husband, Darrell K. McCune, and her father, James J. Hauke.

Debbie is survived by her husband, Robin L. Shew; a daughter, Meagan M. Tener (Adam); a son, Jared D. McCune (Amy); a daughter, Sara A. Wiencken (Joshua); and daughter Stacey M. Shew; her mother, Betty J. Hauke; two sisters, Patricia L. Malott (Howard) and Karen M. Wilder (Jerry); and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Debbie spent her life as a loving mother, wife, and friend.

She was an active member of the community and advocate for the ALS Association and Beds for Babies.

Debbie received numerous awards: Child Advocate of the Year Award (2004); University of Cincinnati Social Work in Action Award (2007); University of Cincinnati Distinguished Alumni Award (2009); and the Greene County Women's Hall of Fame Award (2009).

A Celebration of Life will be held Wednesday, March 31, 2010, from 5-7 p.m. with a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. at Bellbrook Presbyterian Church, 72 W. Franklin S., Bellbrook, OH 45305.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: the ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio Chapter, 1170 Old Henderson Road, Suite 221, Columbus, Ohio 43220; Beds for Babies, 72 W. Franklin St., Bellbrook, OH 45305; or Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, OH 45420.

Arrangements in care of Tobias Funeral Home — Beavercreek Chapel.

Eunice Heitz

GARRETT — Eunice M. Heitz, 96, of Garrett died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Heitz was a homemaker.

She was a member of Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

She was born Feb. 25, 1914, in Twin Falls, Idaho, to John S. and Alice (Garber) Flory. She married J. Emory Heitz April 17, 1942, in Garrett. He died May 10, 2003.

Surviving are a son, John and Sandy Heitz of Kendallville; a daughter, Sharon Heitz of New Haven; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kenneth Heitz; four brothers; and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren at Garrett with the Rev. Keith Davis officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

To send condolences on sign the online guest book go to www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Rick Wicker

FORT WAYNE — Rick Wicker, 55, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 27, 2010, in Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wicker was a truck driver for Cripes Mobile Home Transport in Laketon.

He enjoyed fixing things and loved working on vehicles. He was an outdoorsman.

He was born July 13, 1954, in Garrett to Frank and Minnie (Yates) Wicker.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Shane Hug of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Kelsey Lilly, Kara Lilly, Kalob Lilly and Chloe Hug; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lena and Tim Huelsenbeck of Avilla and Pam and Tim Nance of Laketon; two brothers and a sister-in-law Ken Wicker of Florida and James and Tammy Griffey of North Manchester; and his stepfather, Moses Griffey of Wabash.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Wicker; his mother, Minnie Griffey; a brother, Dennis Wicker; and a sister, Sandra Wicker.

Funeral services will be at noon Tuesday, March 30, 2010, in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon, with elders of the church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Casketbearers will be Morris Wicker, Tim Huelsenbeck, Kalob Lilly, Shane Hug, Josh Foxworthy and Daniel Huelsenbeck.

Calling is from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday at the church.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

William Hays

GARRETT — William H. "Bill" Hays, 80, of Garrett died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home at Garrett.

Memorials are to Garrett United Methodist Church or Miller's Merry Manor Activities Department.

Wayne King

BUTLER — Wayne Allen King, 38, of Butler died Friday, March 26, 2010, in Waterloo.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Charles Steinbacher

GARRETT — Charles L. Steinbacher, 99, of Garrett and formerly of Noble County died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Wolf Lake.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the funeral service Wednesday.

Virgil Andrews

ANGOLA — Virgil Andrews, 68, of Angola died Saturday, March 27, 2010, in Angola.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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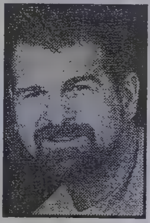
Wayne King

BUTLER — Wayne Allen King, 38, of Butler died Friday, March 26, 2010, in Waterloo.

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine." It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.



Mr. King

Mr. King was born April 23, 1971, in Auburn. His father, Jack David King, is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Janet (Rottger) and Robert Zimmerman, survive in Butler.

As one of his achievements, Wayne earned an associate degree from Ball State University in 2006. One of his greatest passions, other than serving the Lord, was riding his Harley-Davidson. He was an amazing man with a huge heart and a friend to many.

Even though he was tired and ready to go, we weren't quite ready to let him go. Until we see you again, our lives will be forever changed without you. You will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Dawn King; two stepdaughters; his children, Kylee Sue King, Jaron and Seth; two brothers and two sisters, Doris Henry of Fort Wayne, Michael (Joyce) King of Butler, James (Lisa) Shirks of Spencerville and Melissia (Troy) Bungard of Waterloo; and his grandmother, Euna Mae Sexton of Jonesville, Va.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Barbara Miller

AUBURN — Barbara Elizabeth Miller, 77, of Auburn died Sunday, March 28, 2010.

She was born May 20, 1932, in Greenville, Pa., to John and Katy Miller.

She is survived by a brother, Val (Barbara) Miller Sr. of Sandy Lake, Pa.; a sister, Amanda Repp of Bryan, Ohio; nieces, Barbara Miller-Smith of California, Meri Beth Miller of Auburn; nephews, John (Carolyn) Miller of Chicago and David (Debbie) Miller of Gosport, Ind., and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Dutch Miller; and a nephew, Val J Miller Jr.

There will be no calling or services.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Campbell

ANGOLA — Mabel A. Campbell, 63, of Angola died Sunday March 28, 2010, at her home.

Mrs. Campbell was a homemaker and had also worked at Tri-State University for a few years.

She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Angola and the Pythian Sisters.

She was born Dec. 7, 1946, in Garrett to Robert and Cathern (Stillwell) Hensinger. She married Chester C. Campbell on Dec. 24, 1968, in Auburn and he survives.

Also surviving are four sons, William and Allen Campbell, both of Farwell, Mich., Alan Campbell of Angola and Jim Campbell of Ashley; three daughters, Janett Brown of Butler, Cathern Book of Angola, and Norma Morales of Angola; two brothers, Raymond Hensinger of St. Joe and Owen Hensinger of Garrett; a sister, Laura Lawhead of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Timothy, a brother, Robert, and her parents.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway St., Butler. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Friends may sign a guest book at www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Kenneth Ludwig

LAGRANGE — Kenneth S. Ludwig, 75, of LaGrange died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2010, at his residence.

Mr. Ludwig

Mr. Ludwig attended the University of Michigan and studied business administration and later received his doctorate in theology.

He was employed at Ludwig Motors in Adrian, Mich., for seven years.

From 1958 to 1963 he served in the U.S. Army where he was a marksman (rifle), sharpshooter (rifle), and received the Good Conduct Medal.

He became a Methodist minister in 1985 and served in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Mr. Ludwig moved to LaGrange in 1997 from Van Wert, Ohio. He attended the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

He was the executive director of the Redbird Mission in Kentucky, a member of the American Legion, the Appalachian Trail Association and a former member of the Optimist Club.

Mr. Ludwig enjoyed hiking, reading, motorcycles, cars, anything with a motor, NASCAR and was an avid Dale Earnhardt fan.

He was born November 9, 1934, in Adrian, Mich., to Virgil and Evelyn A. (Hanson) Carr. He married Sherron J. Yax on August 6, 1960, in Ann Arbor, Mich. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters, Suzanne and Mark DuShane of Adrian, Mich., and Kathleen and George Boyd of Toledo, Ohio; a son, Kenneth V. and Kristine Ludwig of Maumee, Ohio; a brother, Keith and Roberta Ludwig of Tecumseh, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2010, at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating.

Burial and graveside service will held on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 2 p.m at the Onsted Memorial Cemetery in Onsted, Mich., with full military rites.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net

Flossie Fritz

KENDALLVILLE — Flossie M. Fritz, 89, of Kendallville and formerly a longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Fritz had been a finisher with Bryan Custom Plastics, retiring with 20 years of service. She was a member of the Edgerton Business and Professional Women for many years and the Wolcottville First Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1921, near Bryan, Ohio, to Arthur R. and Odella M. (Bradford) Deal. She married Fred E. Fritz on Jan. 18, 1941, in Edgerton, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 2007.

Surviving are three daughters, Patricia (Ashford) Smith of LaGrange, Lynette (Ron) Davis of Jacksonville, Fla., and Karen Louise Fritz of Kendallville; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Denver Deal.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Keith Perry officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemeter in Edgerton.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service Wednesday.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice Care or to the Wolcottville First Baptist Church.

The online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com

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Randy Rolston

MIDDLEBURY — Randy L. Rolston, 54, of Middlebury died Monday, March 29, 2010, at Goshen General Hospital.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury. Memorials are to the Middlebury Fire Department.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewart funeralhome.com

Jack E. Stiver

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Stiver, 84, of Kendallville died at 3:20 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2010, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Lewis Wolf

PLEASANT LAKE — Lewis E. Wolf, 90, died Sunday, March 29, 2010, in Riverside, Calif.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Ronald Parrish

GARRETT — Ronald H. Parrish, 76, of Garrett died Sunday March 28, 2010, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Parrish

He was born February 4, 1934, in Fort Wayne to the late Lake and Amelia Parrish.

He retired from Auburn Gear in 1998 after 25 years of service.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, a national horse shoe pitcher, a NASCAR fan and enjoyed playing softball.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Doris Parrish of Garrett; his sons and daughters-in-law, David and Shelia Parrish of Auburn, Mark Parrish of Garrett and Steve and Shari Parrish of Auburn; his daughters and sons-in-law, Ronda and Dick Marckel of Fremont, Laurie Davidson of Auburn and Jodie Parrish of Garrett; his stepson, Guy Compton of Garrett; his stepdaughters and their husbands, Anne Marie and Bobby Allen of Albion and Cappie and Travis Fifer of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 39 years, Nancy Parrish; two brothers, Robert and Donald Parrish, and a daughter-in-law, Vickie Parrish.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, with calling one hour prior, at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main S., Auburn.

Visitation also will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book or leave a condolence, visit www.pinnington mccomb.com

Susie Waggoner

DECATUR — Susie B. "Sue" Waggoner, 103, died Sunday, March 28, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur. Burial will be in Pleasant Dale Cemetery, rural Decatur.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Highland Church of Christ or to The Cedars Retirement Home.

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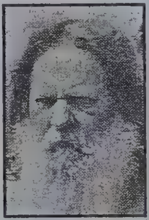
Benjamin Cope

HAMILTON — Benjamin D. Cope, 58, of rural Hamilton, died Monday, March 29, 2010, in his residence.


Mr. Cope

Ben was born August 10, 1951, in Angola, Indiana, the son of Eugene and Betty (Lytle) Cope.

He attended Fremont High School.

Mr. Cope was employed by Citation Bohn for 33 years.

He was a devoted and loyal member of the UAW.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, horses and goats.

Surviving is his wife, Donna, of Hamilton; his mother, Betty Cope of Fremont; a son, Rodney (Connie) Cope; two daughters, Rachelle also known as Shelly Circosta of Elkhart, Indiana, and Kissandra (Aaron) Keen of Hamilton; two grandchildren, Lucy Circosta of Elkhart and Jasmine Keen of Hamilton; two brothers, Lewis Cope of Fremont and Dave (Renee) Cope of Angola; along with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Cope, and a sister, Donna Ringler.

Funeral services for Benjamin D. Cope will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2010, in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, Indiana, with Pastor Jesse Glenn officiating.

Interment will follow in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, Indiana.

Visitation for Mr. Cope will be held on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in the name of Benjamin D. Cope may be given to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

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Murder victim's family wins civil case

BY KATHRYN BASSETT
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AUBURN — A DeKalb County judge has ruled that the family of a slain Auburn woman is entitled to a civil judgment against the man accused of her murder.

Yvonne Griffith and Wayne L. Griffith of Wolcottville are the parents of Melissa Kay Patrick, 32, who was fatally shot on New Year's Day on Lorraine Drive on the north side of Auburn. The shooting occurred in a group home where she worked, caring for four adults, police said.

Ronnie R. Jones, 39, of Fort Wayne, is charged with murdering Patrick, who was his girlfriend. He also is charged with the attempted murder of his ex-wife, Sarah Grimm, and Jason Patrick, Grimm's boyfriend and Melissa Patrick's estranged husband, in a home south of Waterloo on Jan. 1.

In a wrongful death lawsuit filed in DeKalb Superior Court II, the Griffiths, along with Melissa Patrick's son, Brandon Griffith, and daughters Allison Patrick and Kimberly Patrick, are suing Jones for damages. On March 22, Judge Monte Brown granted a motion for summary judgment filed by the plaintiffs.

"The court finds that on Jan. 1, 2010, Ronnie R. Jones willfully, intentionally and unlawfully killed Melissa K. Patrick by shooting her in the chest and face with a 9 mm Glock handgun," Brown said in his ruling.

Brown found that the Griffiths and Melissa Patrick's three children are entitled to a judgment against Jones. A hearing to determine damages will take place Aug. 2.

In the criminal case, Jones has pleaded not guilty to the charges. However, during the motion for summary judgment hearing earlier this month, the Griffiths' attorney, Allen Stout, referred to a police affidavit of probable cause for Jones' arrest. In the affidavit, police said Jones admitted "getting upset with his girlfriend" and said he was "going after everybody," including Jason Patrick.

The Family of Maxine Campbell

Would like to express a sincere thank you to everyone who has helped us through this difficult time. We have received lots of support in the last few months. We appreciate all the love and support that has been expressed to us, more than we ever expected. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Hite Funeral Home and Parkview Hospital & Hospice. Special thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers, memorials and food. We are blessed with such wonderful friends and family.

Glenn (Sonny) Campbell & Family

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Beatrice McPherson

AUBURN — Beatrice McPherson, 61, of Auburn, entered into the kingdom of heaven with her family at her side Monday, March 29, 2010, 9:45 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. McPherson

Born December 14, 1948, in Hazel Green, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Zack and Opal Fugate.

She attended the Freedom to Worship Church of God and enjoyed cooking, shopping, reading the Bible, going to garage sales and spending time with her family.

She married the love of her life Christopher "Lum" McPherson on August 8, 1964, in Clintwood, Va., and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are six children that she called her "Doodles" — daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Darrel Brandenburg of Auburn, Tammy and James Kessler of Garrett, Christine and Kim Payton of Auburn and Debbie and Rich Hall of Waterloo; sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher E. "Little Lum" and Leta McPherson of Paulding, Ohio, and Zack "Abbie" and Jennifer McPherson of Auburn; sisters, Viola Clair of Galion, Ohio, Anita Rhodes of Auburn, Joyce Cook of Monticello, Ky., Helen Bailey of Butler and Mary Maggert of Butler; brothers, John Fugate of Auburn; a daughter in Christ, Lois Freeman of Corunna; a foster son, Steve "Popeye" Weir of Fort Wayne; a foster daughter, Jean Rodman of Wabash; 19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rudell Fugate.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m., with calling two hours prior at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev Bobby and Shelia Stanley will be officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Visitation also is on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or Freedom to Worship Church of God.

To sign the online guest book, or to leave a condolence, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com

Dorothy Reece

LODI, Ohio — Dorothy (Davis) Reece, 80, of Lodi died Monday, March 29, 2010, at Winfor Health Care Center in Doylestown, Ohio.

There are no services planned.

Thelma Head

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. — Thelma Lorene Head, 88, of Lincoln Park died Monday, March 29, 2010.

Mrs. Head was a homemaker and a world traveler.

She was Bible Club and Sunday school teacher for more than 45 years.

She was born July 15, 1921, Wallins Creek, Ky., to Leonard and Laura (Brock) Hines. She married Worley "Bill" Head on June 3, 1939.

She is survived by four daughters, Martha Lilley, of Warren, Mich., Wilma Daugherty of Cape Coral, Fla., Dorothy Cartwright of Warren, Mich., and Eve (Roger Dale) Rice of Livonia, Mich.; seven grandchildren, H. T. (Jeanette) Huchi of Jacksonville, N.C., W. SuzAnne (Randy) Handshoe of Kendallville, Ind., Philip (April) Lilley of Warren, Mich., Patricia Siladi of Livonia, Mich., Kevin (Julie) Daugherty of Georgia, Jennifer (Jason) Bennett of Brooklyn, Mich., and Robbert (Bridgett) Rice of Lincoln Park, Mich.; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond Hines and Carl Hines; and a sister, Nola Decker

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Billy Ray; a daughter, Anita Lois; and a sister Evelyn Anderson.

Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Voran Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel) in Dearborn, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Garden City, 30268 Marquette St., Garden City, Mich.

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Mina Ellert

Mrs. Ellert

AVILLA — Mina (Hall) Ellert, age 92, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and formerly of Avilla, died Friday, March 26, 2010, at 11:30 p.m. at Phoenix Baptist Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., where she had been ill for a week.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1917, in Halifax, England, and was the daughter of William and Clara (Parr) Hall.

She graduated from Princess Mary High School in Halifax, England, and after high school, attended Osterberg Physical Training College in Dartford, England.

On February 28, 1945, she married Anthony George Ellert at St. Peter's Church in Leicester, England. He died on January 23, 2002.

Mrs. Ellert came to Avilla in 1965 from England, and lived here until November of 2001, then moved to Scottsdale. She was an administrator at Uniform Printing and Supply Co. in Kendallville. She retired at the age of 65 after 18 years of service.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and Saint Maria Goretti in Scottsdale, Ariz.

She also was involved with the Glider Pilot Association, a former member of the Daughters of Isabella, and the Sacred Heart Home Axillary.

Her hobbies include knitting and she had knit baby caps for all of the babies delivered by her son and his colleague.

She also enjoyed playing the piano, traveling, baking and gardening.

Surviving are her daughters, Sister Marilyn Ellert, OSF of Avilla; Susan Hatcher of Higgins Lake, Michigan; Shirley (Michael) Pegg of Phoenix, Ariz.; Adeline (Larry) Sandberg of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; and Pauline (Marc) VandenBand of Newaygo, Mich.; and a son, William Ellert of Scottsdale, Ariz.; her grandchildren, Cynthia Prince, Christopher Pegg, Dennis Pegg, Jamie Harris, David Sandberg, Brian Sandberg, Lisa Burrows, Jon VandenBand, and Lindsay Bennett; her great-grandchildren, Dawn Kotcher, Neveah Pegg, Hanah Pegg, Anthony Harris, Sean Harris, Caleb Russell, Lauren Sandberg, Joshua Sandberg, Brittanie Fritel, Baillie Fritel, and baby boy Bennet due in June 2010.

She is preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a brother, Irving Hall; and a son-in-law, John Hatcher.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Msgr. Robert Schulte will officiate.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 on Sunday, April 4, 2010, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. There will be a rosary service at 3 p.m. Additional calling will be one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorial may be made to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Home in Frankfort, Ill., or to Circle the City, an organization which cares for the homeless during times of illness. Donations can be made at the organization's Web site www.circlethecity.org. She was at a fundraiser for this organization on the morning she fell ill.

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Cheryl Smith

READING, Mich. — Cheryl Jean Smith, 62, of Reading, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at her home.

Ms. Smith

She was born March 10, 1948, in Hillsdale, Mich., the daughter of Otis and Virginia (Flowers) Smith.

Cheryl graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1966 and attended business school in Sacramento, Calif. She worked as a returned goods specialist at Dresser Wayne in Fremont, Ind., for 15 years.

Cheryl loved celebrating the little things in life and was an inspiration to many throughout her life. She enjoyed coaching Camden girls youth softball, sewing, painting, ceramics and hosting gatherings for her family and friends.

She attended Restoration Tabernacle of Defiance, Ohio, and North Reading Baptist Church.

Cheryl loved to spoil her children and grandchildren, and will be sadly missed by her family.

Surviving are three daughters, Michelle (Bruce) Fowler of Allen, Mich., Kathrine (Dennis) Miller of Camden, Mich., and Jessica (Tim) Miner of Coldwater, Mich.; her mother, Virginia Smith of Reading; a sister-in-law, Robin Smith of Reading; her former husband, Lloyd Smith of Camden; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Her father and a brother, David Smith, preceded her in death.

A celebration of Cheryl's life will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, with the Rev. H. G. Strickland officiating. Interment will follow in Cambria Cemetery No. 2.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Hillsdale County.

Leta Rodgers

ANGOLA — Leta Arlene Rodgers, 92, of Angola died Monday, March 29, 2010, at her home at Nevada Mills near Angola.

Mrs. Rodgers

Mrs. Rodgers had worked many years as a catalog clerk at the Sears store in Angola.

She attended the Assembly of God in Angola.

She was born Jan. 7, 1918, in Nevada Mills to Ellisworth Forrester and Maude (Shaver) Forrester Wren. She married Earl J. Rodgers on April 2, 1938. He preceded her in death Oct. 30, 1988.

Surviving are two sons, Michael Rodgers of Coldwater, Mich., and Dennis Rodgers of Angola; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Ilarene Sperry of Coldwater; and two brothers, Doyne Forrester of Angloa and Donald Forrester of Ashley.

She was also preceded in death by a son, John Michael Rodgers in 1943; her parents; three sisters, Agnes Calvert, Lillian Martin and Violet Greenawalt; and four brothers, Clifford, Ernest, Vernon and Gladwin Forrester.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Assembly of God, Angola, with the Rev. Ronald A. Moore officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703 or to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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Edith Reimer

GOSHEN — Edith Reimer, 89, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at the Maples of Waterford Crossing in Goshen.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury. A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. at the Forks Mennonite Church in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the church and from 2-2:30 p.m. Thursday at the church prior to the graveside service.

Memorials are to Gideons International.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangement.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com

Orlin Doege

CROMWELL — Orlin Paul Doege, 69, of Cromwell died Monday, March 29, 2010.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Jack Stiver

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Stiver, 84, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born in Kendallville on June 17, 1925, to Dr. Olin E. and Perle (Poyser) Stiver.

He graduated from Kendallville High School as the valedictorian of the class of 1943.

As a lifelong Kendallville resident, he worked as a bookkeeper, first for Trendline Furniture and later for Miller's Truck Stop on U.S. 6.

He loved to travel and had created a pictorial scrapbook of his travels to all 92 Indiana courthouses.

He also enjoyed reading and listening to opera.

Jack lived most recently at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, where, even though his health was declining, he continued to perform his civic duties — keeping up with current events via a subscription to The News Sun, voting in elections, and donating his monthly allowance to various charities.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jean Cochard; and brother-in-law, DeWitt Cochard.

Surviving are three nephews, Lee (Kathy) Cochard of Auburn, Dr. Larry (Susan) Cochard of Evanston, Ill., and Lynn (Kim) Cochard of Kendallville; and two nieces: Karen Burtnette of Fort Wayne, and Kathy Cochard of Bloomington.

There will be no viewing or services.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Robert Hochstetler

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Robert Lee Hochstetler, 69, of Constantine and formerly of Ligonier died Monday, March 29, 2010, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Constantine Cemetery.

A celebration of life will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Eley Funeral Home in Constantine.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity or Autism Speaks.

Online condolence may be sent to www.eleyfuneralhomes.com

Connie Gilbert

MIDDLEBURY — Connie S. (Hayes) Gilbert, 64, of Middlebury died Monday, March 29, 2010, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Mishawaka.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

ALBION NEW ERA
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March 31, 2010, Wednesday

Michael Wayne Gordon, 56

AVILLA – Michael Wayne Gordon, 56, of Avilla died Monday, March 22, 2010, at 11:45 p.m. in the V.A. Medical Center in Marion.

Mr. Gordon attended Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School in Fort Wayne, and graduated from East Noble High School in 1972. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-1976, and was stationed at the SAC Air Command in Omaha, Nebraska, and the Air Force Base in Rheinstein, Germany. He was a computer operator, and a member of the Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Mike was born March 22, 1954, in Columbia City to Ronald and Nancy J. (Deetz) Gordon.

He is survived by two sons, Colin James Gordon and special friend Lesley Malone of Indianapolis and Ethan Michael Gordon of Albion; his mother, Nancy J. Gordon of Avilla; his father and stepmother, Ronald (Dee) Gordon of Fremont; four brothers, Paul (Beth) Gordon of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, Roger Gordon of Auburn, John Gordon of Kendallville, and Scott Gordon of Kendallville; two step-brothers, Kevin (April) Robinson of Fremont, and Khris Robinson of Pleasant Lake; a step-sister, Kelly Brown of East St. Louis, Illinois; two nephews, Andrew Gordon and Austin Gordon both of Pleasant Prairie, Wisoncon; a niece, Arrin Gordon, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; lifelong friends, Gary and Martha Dafforn of Kendallville and their family, Chris, Laurie, Trevor and Megan and Jenny, Theo, Mackenzye and Griffen; and close family friend, Melinda Shepard.

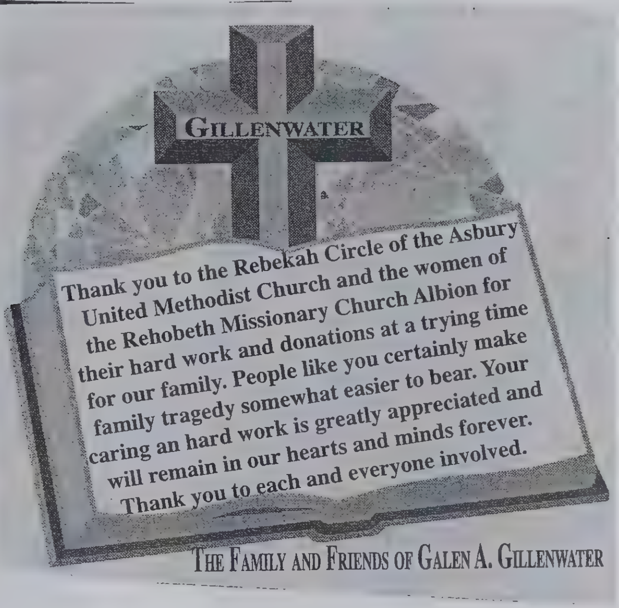
He was preceded in death by a sister, Carla Diane Gordon in 1960; maternal grandparents, Willis and Mildred "Peg" Deetz; and paternal grandparents, Lawrence and Elizabeth Gordon.

Funeral services were March 27, 2010, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, LaOtto, with Pastor Sue Socha and Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating.

Honor guard services were conducted by American Legion Post 240.

Preferred memorials are to the USO or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com



GILLENWATER

Thank you to the Rebekah Circle of the Asbury United Methodist Church and the women of the Rehobeth Missionary Church Albion for their hard work and donations at a trying time for our family. People like you certainly make family tragedy somewhat easier to bear. Your caring an hard work is greatly appreciated and will remain in our hearts and minds forever. Thank you to each and everyone involved.

THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GALEN A. GILLENWATER

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 31, 2010, Wednesday

Ronald Lee Knox, 73

KIMMELL — Ronald Lee Knox, 73, of Kimmell died at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Knox was a lifetime area resident. He had worked for Supreme Corporation and Starcarft Tanks. Mr. Knox was a member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club and the Ligonier-Albion Bowling Association. He was also a member of Stone's Hill Community Church. Mr. Knox coached Little League, American Legion Baseball and Stover's Softball teams.

He was born June 8, 1936, in Noble County, Ind., to Wayne and Ruth (Thunander) Knox. He married Joyce Marlene Reeve on November 4, 1953, in Albion, Ind.

Surviving are a son, Kary (Becky) Knox of Avilla; a daughter, Sheree (Ron) Fritz of Wolcottville; a sister, Vonda (Gary) Barnes of Columbia City; two brothers, Jim (Cindy) Knox of Fort Wayne and Roger Knox of Wolf Lake; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife and his parents.

Funeral services were March 27, 2010, at Stone's Hill Community Church with Pastor Joey Nelson officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell. Pallbearers were Kenny Bales, Pat Elliot, Tom Fish, Troy Airgood, Keith Myers, Keith Fiand and Kent Saggars.

The Lions Club and Masonic Lodge conducted special services.

Memorials are to the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club Scholarship Fund in care of the Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767, the the Kidney Foundation, or Ryan's Place, PO BOX 73, Goshen, IN 46527.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier assisted with arrangements.

Virginia Mae Stutton, 90

ALBION – Virginia Mae Sutton, age 90, of Albion died on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at North Ridge Village Nursing & Rehab Center in Albion.

She was born in Knott County, Kentucky on May 30, 1919 to the late Benton and Rachel (Slone) Stamper.

She married Seaphas Sutton on October 31, 1937 in Knott County, Kentucky.

Mrs. Sutton was a devoted homemaker and loved to cook for family and friends especially Sunday dinners.

She was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Sutton loved to do puzzles and crosswords and she also enjoyed quilting.

Survivors include two sons, Victor (Joyce) Sutton of LaGrange, and Cephas (Barbara) Sutton of Kendallville; two daughters, Phyllis (Carl) Combs of South Milford and Brenda (Ford) Frick of Albion; four grandchildren, Ford (Holly) Frick, Christopher Frick, Tim (Angie) Dhillon and Jason and Cristy Sutton; twelve great grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mona (Sherrill) Sexton of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Gracie Sutton of Kendallville and Nora Stamper of Iowa; several nieces and nephews; close friend of the family; Teresa Frick

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Seaphas Sutton who passed away March 28, 1999; one grandson, Wesley Sutton; three brothers and one sister.

Funeral Services were March 27, 2010 at Hite Funeral Home,Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Leburn Combs. Burial was at South Milford Cemetery in South Milford, Indiana.

Preferred Memorials may be made to Gideons International.

Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Every effort was made for accuracy.
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